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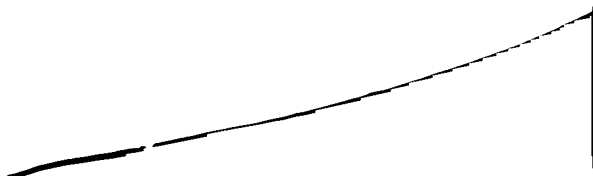
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FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

He is risen! The everlasting doors have opened, and the King of Glory has passed in. He is risen! This, Lord, has been the triumphant song of Thy redeemed people for eighteen hundred years, and we come to celebrate Thy praises again on our Lord's day. How can we forget, oh Lamb of God, that our salvation is secure; Thou hast gained the victory over hell and the grave. Let the people praise Thee, oh God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Grant that we may enter Thy gates with thanksgiving, and Thy courts with praise. Lord, baptize Thy people with the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost; let the fruits of the heavenly harvest be abundant this day. May we enter Thy house expecting to meet with Thee.

Lord, come down to us in love and power, and let Thy glory fill Thy temple as in days of old. Fill us with a holy joy, let us, blessed Saviour, feel Thee so near, such sweet communion with Thee, that our heart may burn within us, while we say, it is the Lord. Oh let not our prayers be idle words with wandering thoughts dishonouring Thee, and sealing our own condemnation. Let the Sabbath be a delight to us, and may we walk with Thee all the day. Oh Lord, pardon Thine enemies, those who openly profane Thy day; those who neglect it, and forget Thee, who do their own ways, and find their own pleasure in defiance of Thy commands: oh Saviour, show them that the way they walk is the way that leads to death. Be with Thy people at sea, give them a sense of Thy presence and protection. In every land may Thy name be honoured, and Thine eye see, as Thou regardest us from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, a little band assembled to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Let Thy day be loved in our home by master and servants; pardon whatever Thy holy eye sees amiss in us, and keep us from sinning against Thee. Bless our relatives and friends, breathe on them that they may live. Let not any whom we love neglect or misspend Thy day. We ask all for our dear Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Oh Thou Holy One, dear Redeemer, every place is light when Thou art near. Thou hast permitted us, this day, to go to Thy house. Thou hast been there, Lord, Thy servants have seen Thee, and felt Thy sweet presence, let it remain with them. How unworthy we are of Thy love. This is the Lord's day, Thy resurrection day: Holy Saviour, we know that all Thy redeemed people shall rise and stand before Thy throne, free from sin, and never more to leave Thy presence. These wonderful realities are too high for us, we cannot understand them; but Lord, we know when Thou shalt appear the second time, we shall be like Thee, for we shall see Thee as Thou art.

We know and believe this, for it is Thine own gracious promise. Thou hast triumphed over sin and death, therefore we shall arise, this mortal shall put on immortality. What manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness, with this hope, Lord, of everlasting life set before us? Holy Spirit, impress these truths on our hearts, let us not pass them by as idle tales, but live on them, and bring forth fruit unto holiness. Water with Thy blessing, heavenly Father, the seed sown this day. Thou hast promised Thy word shall not return to Thee void. We rest on Thy promise, in faith and hope. Pardon the careless, the Sabbath breaker, the professing christian, who has only a name to live. Pour Thine abundant blessing on the young, on the little ones, train them early for Thy service; bless our own family and household; give Thy grace to each one, and then we shall see Thy glory. Forgive whatever we have done to offend Thee, in thought or deed; wash us, blessed Jesus, in Thy precious blood, and receive us again. Look on our native land with love; send many faithful labourers, Lord, among the people. Preserve our Queen, prepare her, through faith in Jesus, for Thy heavenly kingdom. Protect our soldiers and sailors in all perils and dangers, but

above all earthly blessings, oh, our God, we ask Thee to turn their hearts. All our desires are before Thee. We know, Lord, Thou wilt grant those things that are for our eternal welfare. We ask all in the name of our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

From the glorious throne of Thy Majesty, Heavenly Father, look on us, and for our Redeemer's sake hear and accept our prayers. We have slept in comfort and safety, and bend before Thy mercy-seat with prayer and praise for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies. How solemn it is, Holy Saviour, that Thine eye sees us; that every thought is known to Thee. May we begin the day with Thee, dwell in us, walk with us, be our God, and make us Thy children. Are any before Thee unconverted? Lord God, Thou knowest: reveal Thyself to them, teach them how to pray; dear Saviour, it is for Thy glory that sinners should turn and live, bring them to Thyself, we pray Thee. We bless and praise Thee for all the blessings we enjoy, for food and raiment,

for health and strength ; how unworthy we are, Lord, of these mercies, how little we think of Thee, the gracious Giver. Make us more humble, more thankful, more holy. Oh Lord, let us not be as the hypocrites, who for a pretence make long prayers ; make us feel our need, that we may lie at Thy feet, and not let Thee go until Thou bless us. As Thy people, who are called by Thy Name, may we be consistent, that those among whom we dwell may take notice of us that we have been with Jesus. Preserve us from worldliness and trifling ; make us fervent in spirit, serving Thee our God. Bless our native land, may it be a praise in the earth glorifying Thy Holy Name. Gracious Saviour, pardon and convert those who do not think or care for themselves. We pray for our Queen, grant that she may live and act to please Thee as one that must give account, that she may do it with joy on that day, when earth and all its sorrows have passed away. Give us godly rulers, Blessed Saviour, and may this be our watchword—The Lord is our Sun and Shield. Bless our beloved relatives and friends, give them above all earthly blessings Thy favour and love. Oh, our God, give us that blessed unction from above, and through the day be near us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Heavenly Father, abide with us, the day is far spent, the night is at hand. Lord, breathe on us that we may pray, let us feel Thy presence, draw near to us, and make us in spirit and in truth draw near to Thee. Let us realize that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, there Thou hast promised Thy presence. Holy Saviour, forgive those who bend the knee while the heart is far from Thee. Oh make us feel that the place where we are assembled together before Thee is holy ground, that we have come to plead as poor sinners through the Saviour's blood, for pardoning mercy and strengthening grace. Hear, Lord, and do according to the fulness of Thy grace and love. Pardon the sins of this day, our idleness, our faithlessness, our worldliness. We cannot say that we have served Thee to-day even as servants serving a master, but as children, calling Thee our Father, where has been our love, our longing for Thy presence, our communion with Thee, our prayer. Lord, we are not happy far from Thee, bring us near, draw us, open our eyes to see Thy glory and feel Thy love. Pardon us, oh, our Father, for we have transgressed against Thee this

day, wash us in the cleansing blood and receive us again,—convert the unconverted, teach the ignorant, soften the poor hardened sinner. Bless our native land, may we be a nation confessing and serving Thee. Spread the knowledge of Thy Word, and strengthen the hands of Thy faithful servants at home and in foreign lands. Lord, we leave our beloved relatives and friends in Thy care, watch over them for good. Bless and convert the servants, may master and servants live as those who serve the Lord Christ. Take us this night under the shadow of Thy wings, and may our last thoughts, blessed Saviour, be of Thee. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

As the hart panteth after the water brook, so longeth our souls for Thee, the living God. We are poor and needy, give us gold tried in the fire that we may be rich; clothe us with the white raiment of Thine own spotless righteousness that we may be clean; anoint our eyes that we may see. Holy blessed Spirit breathe on us; Saviour,

make us feel that we are in Thy presence. Give us a longing for pardoning grace, make us desire to see Thee; Lord, abide with us. We thank Thee for the safety and comfort of the past night, and the many earthly blessings we enjoy. Let us spend the day with Thee, walking consistently and humbly as the servants of the meek and lowly Jesus. Give us that holy peace which passeth understanding, that we may be undisturbed by any trial or care during the day. Oh Lord, open our understanding to the solemnity of praying to Thee. Thou hast said Thou requirest truth in our hearts, that we must draw near to Thee, laying bare our most secret thoughts, desiring that Thine eye shall see them all. Lord, how shall we bear Thy holy eye upon us? we sin daily, hourly: this we feel; pardon for Jesus Christ's sake our many many shortcomings. Holy Spirit, dwell in us, take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. Wean us from the world. Convince us how unsatisfying are all earthly enjoyments, and fill us with Thyself. Guard and guide all whom we love, lift upon them the light of Thy countenance, and bring them, blessed Lord, into Thy fold. Give us faithful rulers, enlighten their minds, and strengthen their faith in Thee. Have mercy on our Queen, give her Thine own

everlasting consolations, may she govern our land with wisdom, as one who serves a heavenly Master. Bless the servants, convert the unconverted. May master and servants feel that they may soon have to render to Thee, an account of their stewardship, each in their station, for duty left undone to Thee and each other. Once more, blessed Saviour, we commend ourselves to Thee, stand by us in temptation, and let us not willingly grieve Thee, Lord, in word or deed this day. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

How shall we come near Thee, Lord, so sinful, so defiled. Heavenly Father, our King of Glory has trodden the "wine press alone," and we offer our prayers to Thee, perfumed with the incense of His adorable merits. Oh, our God, Thou hast said Thou seest us complete in Him, and without Thee we cannot live. We meet at Thy throne this evening in safety and in health. What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us; let us take the cup of salvation, and call upon Thee now and evermore as Thy faithful servants. We

look back on this day with shame ; we have done nothing for Thee, or in Thy service. Lord, Thy patience and love would make us weep, but we are so hard and blind. The fruits of the Spirit, Thou hast told us, are love, joy, peace, meekness, righteousness ; can any now before Thee say, they have had these sweet fruits. Oh Saviour, we remember impatience and worldliness in our conduct ; we have thought more of worldly things than of Thee. Lord, we cannot answer Thee ; we lay our hand on our mouth and cry unclean. We are dead in sins ; but Thou hast promised, oh King of Righteousness, that we shall arise out of the dust with Thee. When shall we love and serve Thee as we ought, Thou Holy anointed One ? All power is thine ; touch us, blessed Jesus, and we shall live ; sprinkle us in the open fountain of Thy precious blood. Pardon all we have done amiss this day, and let us feel that Thou lovest us, heavenly Father, with an everlasting love. Lord, we are a sinful nation with many privileges. Give us repentance ; make us more faithful to Thee. Pardon professing christians, and awake them to their danger. Bless our household, master, and servants ; may we love Thee more each day. Watch over all we love ; make them members of that little flock,

dear Saviour, to whom it is the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom. Into Thy hands we commend ourselves this night, and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Draw near to us, Lord, as we now draw near to Thee, in the name of Jesus our Almighty King. Lord, we are poor and needy, we have nothing but our sins, but we know that all fulness dwells in Thee. Thou hast promised pardon to those who ask believing in Thy word; we come now for pardon. Oh, how many are our shortcomings, Lord? we cannot remember the half that we have done to offend Thee. Dear Saviour, we are unholy, put Thine own glorious robe of righteousness upon us. Pardon our faithlessness, our self-love, and selfishness. How idle we are in Thy service, how cold. Thou hast commanded us to love one another as Thou hast loved us: when have we done this? Thou hast said, learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, but what have we done, Heavenly Father? We have been proud, self-

willed, and ill-tempered, so impatient under trifling annoyance. We mourn over our sin. Lord, we have come together to meet with Thee. Let us feel Thee near, we want Thee, dwell with us. Holy Spirit breathe on us, give us that blessed unction from above without which we cannot serve the Lord, make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, according to the promise of our God. Saviour, we ask Thee to abide with us, to walk with us this day, let us hear a voice when we turn to the right hand or left, saying, this is the way, and constrain us by Thy sweet presence to walk in it. Convert and pardon our beloved relatives and friends. Lord, the Comforter has come on earth, let Him take of the things of Christ and convince poor unconverted souls: they know not their danger, they know not what they do when they neglect their salvation; pity and save them. Guard and strengthen Thy missionary servants in foreign lands, far from home and friends: support and comfort Thy faithful servants everywhere, that the ungodly may not say, where is their God? Lord, give Thy blessing to our Queen, that she may serve Thee faithfully: make us a godly nation, may we guard and prize Thy holy Word as our best earthly treasure. Give heavenly wisdom to the Houses of

Parliament: Lord, this is our consolation and peace, that Thou reignest in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth. Hear and grant the desires of our heart, Heavenly Father, for our dear Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Lord, we are come, at the end of another day, to meet with Thee. We cannot lay down to rest without Thy pardon and blessing. Sprinkle the cleansing blood on us, and wash away the sins of this day. We have left undone many duties, and let opportunities pass, when we might have served Thee. Blessed Saviour, how often have we grieved and offended Thee, in thought, word, and deed, this day; our sins are a burden to us. Lord, shed abroad Thy love abundantly in our hearts, that we may give Thee willing and faithful service. The hearts of all now kneeling before Thee are open in Thy sight. If any are strangers to Thee, Lord, draw near to them, and reveal Thyself in Thy glorious Majesty, and as a God of love, ready to pardon and to save. Holy blessed Spirit, shine

on us, sanctify us, and train us for the Master's service. Holy Father, make the servants faithful; teach them that it is to Thee they must give account for all things done on earth, whether it be good or evil. Make the masters, holy, just, loving, knowing that they serve Thee, their heavenly Master and King. We thank Thee for Thy preserving care this day; in health and safety we kneel before Thee, while many are suffering from sickness and sorrow. Lord, make us more thankful. Bless our native land. Pardon our many sins. Make us a more consistent, holy nation, worthy the name of our divine Lord. Bless our relatives and friends. Let none remain far from Thee. Take us into Thy care and keeping, and cover us with the shadow of Thy wings. We ask all, dear Lord Jesus, for Thine own Name's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The heaven, even the heaven of heavens, cannot contain Thee, oh Lord, and yet Thou hast said, Thou wilt dwell with that man, who is of a

meek and contrite spirit, and trembleth at Thy word. How wonderful are our privileges, Thou Holy One, that we can lay our wants and sorrows before Thee, assured of Thy love, and that Thine ear is not heavy that it cannot hear, that Thou wilt save to the uttermost all who call on Thee through the new and living way, even Christ our Lord. Thou art the faithful God, no friend is like Thee, Thou knowest our weakness and our sins, and still Thou lovest us, blessed Saviour. Holy Spirit, we cannot feel, except Thou quicken us. Oh, Thou meek and Holy one, make us open the door of our hearts and let Thee in; constrain us to be Thine own and for ever. We are before Thee to-day, to thank and praise Thee for health and safety, how many in the world have neither lodging or food. Lord, make our hearts tender towards the poor, let us feel that they are Thy charge to us. Send Thy servants to those poor wanderers who have never heard Thy name. Oh God, guide and preserve our soldiers and sailors amidst their manifold dangers and temptations. Raise up labourers endued with a double portion of Thy spirit, to work among them lovingly and faithfully, and do Thou, gracious Saviour, give an abundant increase.

Heavenly Father, Thou knowest the particular

weaknesses and sins of all before Thee. Oh, heal us, make us walk more worthy of the Name of Christ, the Anointed One. We bring our relatives and friends before Thee, Thou Lamb of God, let not one be shut out of Thy kingdom on that day when Thy harvest is gathered in. Bless our household, may Holiness to the Lord be written on the heart of each one. Bless the Queen, may she walk before Thee with a perfect heart. Unless Thou, Lord, keep our land, we know the watchman watcheth, but in vain. Enlighten our rulers, may they learn that in Thee alone is wisdom. Be near Thy missionary servants everywhere, when they are cast down let them hear Thy voice, saying, Lo, I am with you always. Blessed Saviour, our only happiness is to feel Thee, then leave us not this day; be with us when we walk by the way, when we sit down, each moment let us hear Thy voice and serve Thee. Answer our prayers, and give an abundant outpouring of Thy Spirit on each one. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Another day has passed away, and we appear before Thee, Lord, one day nearer that hour when we must stand before Thee as one of Thy redeemed ones, or to be cast away for ever. Let us not pass on carelessly as the heathen who have no God. Oh, our Redeemer, make us think of these things and lay them to heart; may we come to Thee for salvation now while our day of grace lasts. Show us our danger, make us listen to Thy voice, saying, Why sleep ye, arise and pray? Pardon and wash away all the sins and defilements of this day. While we kneel before Thee may we pray in spirit and in truth, may we earnestly long for those things for which we ask, and never let Thee go, blessed Jesus, until Thou bless us. We have done many things this day against Thy holy laws, we have not been meek and lowly, we have not loved Thee as we ought, but we have been thoughtless, impatient, selfish, our thoughts filled with earthly care and pleasure. Oh Christ, make us come to Thy feet and say to us, thy sins are forgiven thee. We ask thy choicest blessings for our beloved relatives and friends, lay thine hands on them for good. Lord, bring the little ones early into Thy

fold ; Holy Spirit, breathe on the young heart, that life's best years may be given to our God. Reclaim the wanderer, visit the outcast. Oh Lord our King, stay the drunkard and Sabbath breaker in their downward course ; let them feel the "horror of great darkness" and bring them home to thy fold. Awaken the professing christian to feel the reproach they cast on Thee, Holy Saviour, among Thine enemies, by serving Thee with the lip while the heart is far from Thee. Preserve the Queen and the Houses of Parliament, direct their consultation : may their end and aim be Thy glory. We trust in Thee for safety this night, for Thou art our Sun and Shield, Lord God Almighty.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none on earth we desire beside Thee, oh Lord. Holy Spirit, enter with us into Jehovah's presence, and offer up the incense of our prayer and praise, in the name of our heavenly King. We magnify Thy holy name, Thou King of

Saints, for our safety this morning. What are we, that we are so highly favoured? Let not earthly prosperity and comfort make us forget Thee, and become idlers in Thy vineyard. Blessed Jesus, make us love Thee more,—our hearts are so dead and cold,—we treat Thee as rebels under condemnation, not as Thy children, loved and saved by Thy precious blood. Come to us in Thy glory and Thy beauty. Let us see Thee as altogether lovely. We lay our sins before Thee, and ask for pardon and cleansing—they are more in number than the hairs of our head; but, oh Saviour, there is balm in Gilead, and Thou art the Physician there. We come to Thee for healing: say to us, thy sins are forgiven thee. Lord, we do love Thee, but oh, how feebly—never leave nor forsake us. Comfort and sustain the poor amidst all their trials and sufferings, give them firm trust and confidence in Thee, knowing that the gold and silver is Thine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. Surround with Thine everlasting arms our soldiers and sailors; Thou knowest all their dangers and trials, Lord; defend and guard them; may they fight under Thy banner, and rise up an exceeding great army to serve Thee. We pray for the young, the ignorant, for those who know not God. Holy Spirit, teach them, show

them their Saviour and their God. Bless our Queen and country—those who rule, and those who serve. Oh that it might be seen by our consistent holy life that the Lord Jehovah is our God. Take our household under Thy care this day, oh God, and let us walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, for we know not at what hour our Lord cometh. May each, in his station, serve Thee faithfully with a single eye to Thy glory. Convert all we love—may all be found at Thy right hand at Thy appearing and kingdom. How feeble are our prayers—how full of sin. Lord, we know not what to pray for as we ought; forgive what we have asked amiss, and accept us for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Our Father, our heavenly Father, we come to Thee in the name of Jesus, with the full assurance that all things work together for good to them that love Thee, and that Thou wilt not withhold one good thing to those who walk uprightly; we are sinful and unworthy of the least of Thy

mercies ; but, Lord, we love Thee : increase that love abundantly in our hearts. Holy Spirit shine on us ; take away these worldly thoughts—this love of earthly things which clings to us, and shuts out the solemn realities of eternity ; fill us “with the things of Christ,” that we may be one with Him. Lord, never let us be content with lip service. Oh, never let us leave Thy mercy-seat till we are assured that Thou hast heard us—let us never come before Thee unless we long to meet Thee, and then, Lord, let us not go empty away. Convince us of the sin of trifling with Thee, the Holy One who inhabiteth eternity, by bending the knee in prayer, but feeling no sin, and caring not for pardon. Blessed Saviour, pardon any in this sad condition, convince them of their danger, that this night Thou mayest call for an account of their stewardship. Stand by the bed of the sick and dying, Lord ; let Thy love and peace soothe their pains and fears ; fulfil Thine own promise, when Thou passest through the waters I will be with Thee. Let Thy love and care encompass Thy missionary servants in trial, sickness, and temptation, cheer them with many souls for their hire. Preserve our soldiers and sailors ; give a revival among them. Oh Lord, enlist them under Thy banner ; that they may be always ready to enter

suddenly into the joy of their Lord. Let Thy love rest on our relatives and friends ; may they know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Bless our household, master, and servants ; may it be a happiness and comfort to all to meet Thee each day at the mercy-seat ; draw us nearer each day to Thyself. Look on our native land with love and favour ; grant that our rulers may be men of prayer, seeking counsel and blessing from Thee. Into Thy hands we now commend ourselves, oh God our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Another week has passed away, and Thou, Lord, hast fulfilled Thy promises to us, we have wanted no earthly comforts, not one good thing. We are now before Thee, living and in health, to praise Thee. How, oh heavenly Father, have we performed our part as labourers in Thy vineyard ? Have we spoken words of love and comfort to the mourner, or visited and relieved the distressed ? The gold and silver are Thine, Lord, have we given it to spread Thy cause and kingdom ?

Oh Saviour, when we look back on the past week, we can only say that we are unprofitable servants, we come short of our duty in all things; if Thou wert extreme to mark and punish iniquity, who could stand before Thee? We look on the Lamb of God, and come in His Name for pardon and healing. Lord, make us feel the sinfulness of sin more, may we realize even feebly what it is in Thy sight, that Thou hast said, without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Holy Spirit, sanctify us, make us vessels fit for the Master's use. Lord, Thou knowest how weak we are, that without Thee we can do nothing, undertake for us, leave us not or we perish. Life is passing swiftly away, constrain us to arise and decide for Thee, and work faithfully before the night comes, when no man can work. Heavenly Father, enable us to arrange our worldly concerns this day, that on the morrow we may be undisturbed for Thy service, and be filled with Thy Spirit on Thine own day to meet with Thee in Thy house of prayer. Bless all we love, may none be out of Thy fold. Train the young, blessed Saviour, early for Thy service, preserve them from the snare of a lifeless profession. Let not servants or masters come before Thee day by day unchanged in heart, arouse them, that they may close with Thy offers of mercy, that when the trumpet of the

Archangel shall sound, they may arise, saying this is our God, we have waited for Him. Have mercy on our native land, breathe on us the breath of life; let not our sins draw down Thy judgments on us. We commit our Queen and her family to Thy care; oh Lord, we ask for them that they may know Thee, and that Thou wilt give them eternal life. Preserve our soldiers and sailors, blessed Jesus, they are dear to Thee, Thou didst shed Thy precious blood for them. Abide with us this day, as with Thy disciples of old; Lord, Thou knowest how much we need Thee. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Lord, Thou hast commanded us to pray; so often in Thy Holy Word Thou hast promised to hear and answer prayer. Thou hast said none who ask for eternal life shall be sent empty away; that if we seek Thee, Thou wilt be found of us, if we knock the door shall be opened. We come, oh Lamb of God, asking for the fulfilment of Thy gracious promises. We need Thee, precious Saviour, we want the opened door, we long to be

one of those for whom Thou hast prepared a place in Thy house with many mansions. Lord, let us not remain dead and lifeless ; seal us as Thine own. Prepare all Thy people, Heavenly Father, for the Lord's day ; let each put aside worldly thoughts and cares, and arise to serve Thee with reverence and love. Holy Spirit, sanctify the people ; let it be a willing service, an assembly of the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. We thank Thee, Lord, for all the blessings of this day, so undeserved on our part. Preserve Thy people everywhere, the poor, those engaged in dangerous employments. Give Thy ministers a double portion of Thy Spirit, that they may proclaim Thy word with power. Give Thy blessing on our home, children, and servants ; pardon the sins of this day. Bless our relatives and friends wherever they are ; any who are unconverted, Lord, convert them. Into thy care and keeping we commit ourselves this night, oh Thou Shepherd of Israel. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SECOND WEEK.



LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Arise upon us, Thou Son of Righteousness, with the bright beams of Thy holy presence, on this, Thine own day ; lead us into the Sanctuary, where we may commune with Thee ; let us, Lord, have some foretaste of that joy which Thou hast prepared for those who love Thee, by revealing Thyself to us. Be near our beloved relatives and friends. Blessed Saviour, sanctify them through Thy truth. Holy Spirit, be in the midst of the assemblies this day ; breathe on the people, let the house be filled with Thy glory, Lord, as in days of old. May our hearts be full of holy love, reverence, and devotion to Thee, that we may feel it has been good for us to be there. Enable us to put aside earthly thoughts and cares, and meditate on the Lord our God, all the day. Our sins are many—coldness, carelessness in Thy service, and, oh Saviour, such idle labourers. We come, dear

Lord, to the open fountain ; wash us, and forgive. We adore Thee, Thou risen Saviour ; we know Thou dost intercede for us before the Throne. We love Thee, Lamb of God, but how feebly. All power is Thine. Let us behold the glory of the Lord, that we may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the Lord. Look down with pardoning love, Heavenly Father, on the ignorant, the hardened sinner, those who have not heard Thy name, and the poor blinded ones who wilfully turn aside from Thy house and service. Comfort the aged, soothe Thy dying people with Thy presence. Lord, bring out a mighty host from our soldiers and sailors to serve Thee ; be among them in power this day, that many may be saved to the glory of Thy holy name. May our rulers hallow Thy Sabbaths. Holy Jesus, constrain our nation to love and serve Thee, make us a praise in the earth, as the servants of the mighty Jehovah. We bow down before Thee, Lord, with shame and weeping, when we remember the multitudes who profane Thy holy day. Make the people praise Thee, oh God, make all the people praise Thee. Holy Spirit, breathe on these slain, and take away our reproach. We have a name to live, but are dead ; oh Saviour, bid us live. We pray for Thy beloved people, the

house of Israel, Heavenly Father, open their eyes, that they may know the Holy Jesus as the Lord their God. Bless our Queen with converting grace, and all the members of her family. Abide with us this day, as Thou didst with Thy disciples. Lord, make us Thy faithful devoted servants for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Lord, we bless and praise Thee, that Thou hast placed us in a christian land, where we can hear Thy holy word and worship Thee on Thine own day. Blessed Saviour, we mourn our sins as a nation, darkness covers the land, and gross darkness the people, but, Lord, Thine eye has seen thousands of Thy believing people meeting this day in Thy house of prayer, worshipping Thee in spirit and in truth. Thou has met with them, Thou Blessed One ; hear and answer the petitions offered at Thy mercy-seat, in the name of Jesus our High Priest, who is ever at Thy right hand, interceding for His people. Oh Saviour, each name is on Thy heart, how can we doubt Thy love.

Each redeemed one is marked with the new name, which Thou alone knowest, how can we doubt our safety? We pray in the name of Jesus for those outside Thy fold. Oh Lamb of God, the door is not yet shut, bring them in. Dear Saviour, Thy spirit has been grieved this day by Thine enemies, the Sabbath breaker, the drunkard, and those careless ones, who forget Thee. Oh, our God, if Thou wert not the righteous Judge, strong and patient, where should we be at this moment? Thine own people are so cold, their love so feeble; oh Spirit of the living God, breathe on us. Oh Christ, wash away the sins of this day and receive us again; make us walk nearer to Thee, hold us by the hand. Lord, thy people love Thy house, it is heaven to be there and see Thee. Give Thy blessing on the word preached in every land by Thy faithful servants this day, let it bring forth fruit to Thy glory. Protect our relatives and friends, be their God. Guard our homes, parents, and children, master and servants, let each name be written in the Lamb's book of life. May we remember when we bend the knee in prayer, that we are before Thee, our Father in heaven, that Thou seest the heart, and no lip service ascends to Thy throne. Pity and support the poor, the sick, the dying, the aged ones. Blessed Jesus,

let them hear Thy voice, saying, It is I, be not afraid. We ask for a blessing on our soldiers and sailors, Thou knowest, oh, our God, what dangers surround them, how suddenly they are often called away, raise up, faithful friends, to tell them of Thy love and pardon to sinners. Lord Jesus, hear us for Thine own name's sake, and conform us to Thy will in all things. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Lord, Thou hast commanded us to come and plead with Thee; we come this morning in the name of our adorable Redeemer; our sins are as scarlet, make them as white as snow; they are red like crimson, make them as wool, wash us, make us clean, take away the evils of our doings from us, write Thy law in our hearts, and lead us in the way everlasting. Lord Jesus, the besetting sin we know of each one on earth is idleness; to take our ease, and leave Thy work undone is the inclination of the natural heart; how unwilling we are to deny ourselves for Thee: for earthly pleasure so ready—to serve Thee, what lingerers!

How patient Thou art, Heavenly Father, we adore Thy love and goodness, when we think of our ingratitude we wonder that we have been so long spared. We take Thy gifts, Holy Saviour, as our right, saying, who is Lord over us? forgetting that the food we eat, the raiment we wear, each breath we draw, depends on Thy bounty and love; make us think more seriously of these things, and realize Thee as a God everywhere present, marking iniquity, transgression, and sin. Oh Lord our Saviour, we come each day to ask for the one thing which makes life happy. Abide with us, dear Lord, without Thee we cannot live; without Thy presence life's choicest gifts are nothing worth. Holy Spirit, let us see our Lord. How many do not love or serve Thee; hundreds on earth who have never heard thy name. Oh Saviour, arise and plead thine own cause; Holy Spirit, breathe on ministers and people, that they may work for the Lord, and from the highways bring in immortal souls to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Make us as a nation read and value Thy holy word, may we part with life rather than the word of Thy testimony, let it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, leading us into the way of righteousness. Preserve our Queen, give her heavenly wisdom, that she may walk in Thy

ways. Direct the consultations of the Houses of Parliament, that only those laws may prosper that are for Thy glory. Be with us all this day, may each one in our home consider life on earth as the pathway to heaven, and walk as those who see thee, who art invisible to all but Thy believing people. Hear, Lord, and do according to Thine own blessed will. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Oh Jehovah, Thou King of Kings and Lord of all things in heaven and earth, we bless Thee that Jesus the Mighty One has died, and that we have the sweet privilege of coming through Him to Thy mercy-seat to tell Thee our cares, to mourn over our sins, and to ask for pardon and peace, through His precious blood shed for us. Holy blessed Spirit, we know not what to ask—pray in us, and for us. Lord, we want to grow in grace each day; show Thyself to us; make us know Thee better; draw near, dear Saviour, draw near; life's little day is fleeting swiftly by, and so many souls not saved. Holy Jesus, Thou didst

weep for the hardened ones when on earth, and pray for those who reviled Thee; Thy pity and Thy love are as great now as in days of old; come down among us, and save. Lord, look with tender compassion on our soldiers and sailors; whom have they on earth but Thee; passing life far from all they love, with no one to take them by the hand, and say, hast Thou seen Jesus? Saviour, pass near the wanderer and the outcast; let them touch Thee, that they may be healed. Oh, our God, we bear so many on our heart, that we long to bring before Thee those dens of wickedness in our cities, full of immortal souls; man can do nothing, but all power belongeth unto Thee. Shall the Saviour's blood be shed in vain for *them*? Oh, hear us, Thou Holy One, and visit the dark places of the earth with the brightness of Thy presence. Convert our beloved relatives and friends; Lord, Thou canst make them see. Thou hast said to all, "Come unto me:" heavenly Father, thou alone canst draw them. Let Thy love rest on our household; let it be one of the dwellings of the righteous, and each one acknowledge Thee as the beloved Master whom they delight to love and serve. Lord, we know we have grieved Thee to-day; how worldly have been our thoughts, how feeble our love; Thou hast

passed us, and we have not seen Thee; Holy Spirit, fill us with Thyself, that we may know our Lord and serve Him faithfully. Bless our Queen, and all connected with her, make them Thy servants, walking uprightly to Thy glory. Oh, our God, give our rulers wisdom, amidst their many difficulties; save our land from infidelity and popery. Make us a holy nation; the Lord our banner, as our watchword. For the Saviour's sake, heavenly Father, hear us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Let us kneel before Thee, oh Lord, our Maker, and, in the name of our Redeemer, offer Thee thanks and praise for our safety during the night, and that we are all met together in Thy presence in health this day. Let us not forget that these mercies are Thy gifts, one word from Thee, heavenly Father, could lay us low with sickness or sorrow; may we not make it needful for Thee to bring our sins to remembrance with these chastisements; but, Lord, let us praise Thee with joyful lips. Bless the Lord, oh, our souls, and all that is within us bless His holy name. Holy Spirit, dwell

in us; blessed Saviour, be in the midst of us, let us see Thee as altogether lovely. Send us forth from Thy presence with the fruit of the Spirit in our hearts, that we may glorify Thee in our walk and conversation, and men may take notice of us, that we have been with Thee. Lord, pardon professing christians, they injure Thy cause and kingdom more than the ungodly; they sleep, blessed Saviour, and see not their danger: oh, convince them, before it is too late, that they are still outside the door of Thy fold. Again, Lord, our daily prayer, *Abide with us* so near that we may know that "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." We pray for our soldiers and sailors, how many their dangers, how uncertain their life, but all is known to Thee, if Thou, oh God, art their Sun and Shield, all shall be well. May the arms of the mighty God of Jacob be around all whom we love, bring them, blessed Jesus, into Thy kingdom of grace here, and so prepare them for Thy kingdom of glory. We ask that master and servants may serve Thee faithfully this day; masters knowing that Thou requirest a godly, loving example in the household, and servants, considering that Thou seest each motive and act, whether done with a single eye for Thy glory. Take our Queen under the shadow of Thy wing; Thy servants alone

have this place, Lord; make her Thine. Constrain the young to enter early into Thy service; let them see life's pleasures at their true value; give them that wisdom which can alone make them wise unto salvation. Lord, deal tenderly with the aged, walk beside them, oh Lamb of God, and lead them safely to the living waters. Blessed Saviour, our interceding High Priest, perfume our prayers with thine own merits, and present them before the throne. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Oh, Thou holy patient Jehovah, how often we have sinned against Thee this day; we forget Thy perfect holiness; Lord we shall never understand it, until we see Thee as Thou art in Thy glorious beauty. If Thou hadst not told us that Thou so loved the world, that Thou gavest Thy beloved son to die that we might be saved, we should not dare to come into Thy presence. Now, Lord, we come, because we desire to love Thee, we know of Thy great love to us; how can we rest until we have Thy forgiveness? In the name of Christ

the anointed One, we pray. Thine eye has marked us in all our duties this day; each unworthy motive Thou hast seen, each hasty word Thou hast heard; Holy Spirit, how we have grieved Thee. Lord, can we be walking in the narrow road that leads to life eternal; can we be the servants of the meek and lowly Jesus, yet so unlike Him? Oh Lord, let us not bring disgrace on Thy cause; our hearts faint within us when we remember our unworthiness; there is a fountain opened for sin, we come, Lord, to wash in it; may we grow in grace and not remain unfruitful cumberers of the ground. What suffering Thou hast seen to-day, heavenly Father, what sin; who can heal, loving Saviour, like Thee? The hearts of all men are in Thy hand, Lord; use their time and substance for Thy glory. Blessed Jesus, the hardened sinner, those without God, must perish, unless Thou command them to live. Console the sick, the aged, the dying, when they walk through the valley be with them. Thou Almighty One, we commend our soldiers and sailors to Thy care; so many souls, dear Saviour, bring them safely home. Bless the young, let their best days be given to Thee. Be with our beloved relatives, give them happiness and peace in Thee, convert all in our home, may the master, by example and precept,

try to lead each one to Thee. Open the eyes of the servants that they may see Thee, and take the pardon so often offered to them. Lord, keep us in safety, and let us arise in the morning to serve Thee. We ask all these blessings in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Thou hast said, whosoever cometh unto Thee, Thou wilt in no-wise cast out; we come this morning wanting everything. Oh, heal our diseases, put Thy robe of righteousness upon us; we are heavy laden with sin, give us rest, blessed Lord; if we hated sin more, we should love holiness; make us hate it with a perfect hatred; how can we forget that it crucified the Lord of glory. We are so indifferent, so cold, we pass on, and feel so little sorrow. Holy blessed Spirit, we are so dead in sins, we cannot feel, unless Thou take of the things of Christ, and show them to us. Oh Saviour, we shall never come until Thou draw us. Heavenly Father, leave us not until we are safe inside the

fold. Have mercy on the outcast, the wanderer, without friends or home ; Lord, send Thy servants to them. Have compassion on our native land, save us from infidelity and popery ; may Thy Holy Word be prized by us ; give an open Bible to Ireland. To Thy believing people give Thy presence ; in all the trials and temptations of life, be near them ; amidst provocations, make them gentle and patient, showing the spirit of their divine Lord. Be the support, gracious Father, of Thy missionary servants, let their faith be stayed on Thee, and keep them in perfect peace. Thou hast said, Thou wilt keep Thy people as the apple of Thine eye. Lord, Thou knowest that our soldiers and sailors need Thy special care, train them, our Saviour, for Thy kingdom. We commend our relatives and friends to Thee, not for worldly prosperity, but that they may be inheritors of the saints in light. Bless our household ; holy Spirit, overshadow it, that all may pass from death to life. We praise and thank Thee for our safety during the night ; Lord, be with us this day, keep us from grieving Thee in thought, word, or deed. Preserve our Queen ; guide our rulers, teach them, blessed Jesus, that the safety of Britain depends on her being a God-fearing nation. Oh Lord, we want healing and

cleansing each day, wash us, Lamb of God, in Thy precious blood. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Lord, we enter into our chamber and shut the door to be alone with Thee; search us, oh God, and try us, see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting; take us by the hand, Holy Saviour, and lead us into the sanctuary, the holy of holies, Thy presence, that we may know Thee. Teach us this precious lesson, that our sins are many, our short-comings repeated each day. Nevertheless, we are continually with Thee, Thou hast holden us by the hand; thou wilt guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory. Oh adorable Redeemer, these wonderful promises are for Thy believing people; what shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits to us? we will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Oh God, let this be the cry of any unconverted one now before Thee, I will take the cup of salvation; this is Thy command Lord, and all that Thou

requiest of the sinner is to take Thy gift of eternal life ; Holy blessed Spirit constrain the lost one to take it. We come, spirit of our God, for fresh supplies of grace, more love, more faith, more holiness, for pardon. Oh, how we weary of our daily sins, Lord ; but Thou art the righteous judge, strong and patient, therefore we are not consumed. Our Saviour died, we come to be sprinkled with His precious blood, to be pardoned for His sake. Lord, let grace, mercy, and peace rest on our land ; may our Queen be the faithful servant of the living God, our rulers walk worthy of the name of the great King, the Lord of Hosts. Look down in pity on the dark places of the earth, so full of ignorance and sin ; Holy Spirit, open their eyes and soften their hearts ; Lord, arise and save. How few are the labourers in Thy service, inspire many with zeal and love to go forth and work for Thee. Bless our family, master and servants, parents and children, make all live for Thy glory ; bring the solemn thought home to our hearts, that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to hear our condemnation or to live with our God for ever. Oh Thou great High Priest, bear our soldiers and sailors on Thy heart before the Throne, intercede for them. Lord, we fear no danger with Thee at hand to

save. We commend all we love to Thy care and keeping this night. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Oh Thou High and Holy One, who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy; listen to our prayers this morning: Thou hatest sin, Lord, but Thou hast said, Thou lovest the sinner; and Thy desire is, that he should turn and live; each heart is open to Thine eye. Thou knowest those who love Thee, and those who are still passing on in the broad road, saying, we desire not a knowledge of Thy ways; oh God, save them, they know not what they do; they think not how soon it may be too late for them—how soon the Bridegroom may have passed in, and the door be shut. Heavenly Father, Thou knowest our blindness, our natural enmity against Thee in spite of Thy love, Thy pleadings with us, and Thy warnings; Thou knowest the power and malice of the evil one: with all these hindrances and dangers, Lord, save us, or we perish. No poor, afflicted one ever asked help from Thee in vain in days of old;

Thou art the same God, who changest not ; we ask for Thine own Name's sake, blessed Saviour, for Thy glory, that Thou wilt say, "I will, be thou clean." Lord, let this be a converted household ; let not lifeless prayers be offered, the knee bent in mockery, with the heart and thoughts far away. Holy Spirit, shine ; let the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness descend on our hearts ; let it be seen that the Lord is here ; may our prayers bring down showers of blessings from Thee. We pray for Thy whole Church militant on earth ; oh Saviour, what a glorious company, though so scattered in small bands over the world ; bless each member of it ; may their light so shine before men, that our Father in heaven may be glorified. Suffer little children, Lord, to come unto Thee ; be tender, gracious Saviour, to the young ; smooth the path of the aged to the grave ; convert our soldiers and sailors, dear Lord ; bring in a goodly company to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Be gracious to our Queen ; guide her in the way to life eternal ; give Thy Holy Spirit to our rulers. Pardon our sins ; we do not serve Thee faithfully ; we are not a holy nation, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness. Oh Lord, turn us, make us love Thee more ; abide with us, let us feel Thee near , leave us not till

we meet again before Thee. Holy Saviour, bless our relatives and friends. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Blessed Saviour, when shall we say from the heart, oh how I love Thy law, it is my meditation all the day; write it on our hearts; let us sit at Thy feet, that we may depart from every evil way. Lord, we look back on the day now over, but how have we spent it? Would each one who has seen us know, by our words and actions, that we are the servants of the Holy Jesus? Oh, our God, when we think of the evil of our hearts, we dare not look up to Thee; the unholy thoughts, the evil tempers that we know are there; we cannot say one act has been performed this day only from love to Thee, and Thine eye has seen all our ways. Shall we ever believe that if our calling and election were sure, we should walk with God? Blessed Jesus, how dead we are to think that lip service will satisfy Thee, the holy God; Thou hast said only those who believe Thy promises and love Thee can be justified and saved by the precious

blood shed for sinners. Holy Spirit, convince all now before Thee that the earnest longing of the heart for Christ alone ascends to our God: wash, cleanse, and pardon us this night, oh Lord our God; let us count all things but loss, that we may win Christ. Preserve our Queen, give peace to England, make Thy people thankful for Thy many mercies; guard and support Thy missionary servants, stand by them, Lord, in their many trials and sorrows, train the young early for Thy heavenly kingdom, Thy power alone can bring them to Thyself. Oh, Saviour, look in mercy on the unhappy hardened sinner, those poor wanderers whom no one cares for, but Thou alone, the loving and holy one. Bless our relatives and friends; convert them; guide the concerns of our household, give heavenly wisdom to each one; may we remember that our safety and happiness depends on Thee; may each one be faithful in their station. Lord, make us tender to Thy poor; thou hast given Thy command to us to care for them. Pardon professing christians, the godless, and the profane: turn their hearts. Care for us this night, keep us, and train us as Thy servants, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Dear Lord, look on us ; Holy Spirit, breathe on us ; Thou loving gracious Saviour, intercede for us, take these longings of our souls, and present them before our heavenly Father's throne perfumed with Thy perfect righteousness. We are sinful, we feel this, but, oh, how feebly ? Lord, pass by and show us Thy goodness, Thy love, Thy mercy, melt our hard hearts and make us love Thee. How many blessings we enjoy, and we think so seldom of Thee, our gracious God, who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless Thee for our safety during the past night, and that we can look up to Thee this day not wanting one good thing ; Lord, make us thankful, holy, faithful. Thou hast promised that where two or three are met together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them ; come now, Holy Saviour, be near us, let us feel that this is holy ground, that those things we ask of Thee we earnestly long for. Oh, our God, give each one kneeling before Thee eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; seal them as Thine own for evermore ; it is for Thy glory, let not Thy precious blood be shed in vain ; our hearts are hard, careless, indifferent ; but all power belongeth unto

Thee, the mighty Jehovah, lay Thine hand on us that we may arise and follow Thee. Let not our service be only in name, but may each act this day be done with loving faithfulness to our heavenly King. Comfort thy missionaries everywhere; Lord, train the young for Thy service, preserve them from the love of earthly things, the fatal snare, which leads them away from Thee. Pardon us as a nation. Oh Saviour, where are Thy people? how few and scattered They are, and Thine enemies so many, and so powerful. Lord, we know they shall be a noble band when our King appears in power and great glory; arise, holy Saviour, and plead thine own cause. Look in tender love, heavenly Father, on our soldiers and sailors, Holy Spirit breathe on them, that they may serve the living God. Preserve our Queen, may her life be spent for Thy glory. Divine Redeemer, let us have none but godly rulers to guide the affairs of our country. Bless our beloved relatives, may they each day grow in grace, convert any among them who are still far from Thee. Hear our prayers, and grant them, blessed Lord, for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Heavenly Father, draw near to us ; we come to Thee in the name of our adorable Redeemer ; send us not away without an abundant blessing. How faithless and worldly we have been this day. Oh Saviour, make our souls long for Thee, the living God ; when shall we appear before Thee in Thy kingdom free from sin ? Lamb of God, give us now some foretaste of the happiness of heaven, by giving to our hearts Thy peace and presence, which passeth all understanding. Pardon the sins and omissions of the day ; many short-comings Thy holy eye has seen, which we have forgotten. Lord, give us clearer views of Thy holiness, that we may feel our helplessness and sin, our need of daily sprinkling with the precious blood of Christ. Teach us that life is not given by Thee to be spent in doing our own will, in pleasure or in idleness, but in Thy service. May we remember Thy warning, that each talent must be employed for Thee, if we would not be condemned as unprofitable servants. Holy Spirit, dwell in us, make us more meek and lowly day by day ; make us love the will of our Lord, and be conformed to it more and more, as days and weeks pass on. Send forth labourers, gracious Father, to win immortal

souls ; how many pass away each day, without hearing Thy message of love. Give Thy blessing to our land, make us a holy nation, not having a name only to live, while we are dead in sins. Bless our Queen, give her a knowledge of Thy ways, dear Lord, that she may serve Thee. To Thy care, our Father, we commend all whom we love, give them eternal life, let not one be missing on that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels. May holiness to the Lord be written on every heart in our home. Be near every sufferer, blessed Jesus, comfort the mourner with Thine own everlasting consolations in Christ Jesus. Pity the sinner, Lord, and save him. Pardon the infidel, so blind and so rebellious, those who break Thy Sabbath and forget God. Train the young for Thyself, let them rise up a generation to serve Thee. Heavenly Father, hear us for the Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Lord, are our names written in the Lamb's book of life? Another week of life has passed away for ever, are all before Thee saved? Let

Thy voice sound in our ears, saying, why sleep ye, rise and pray? Saviour, if Thou wilt show Thyself to us, we must say, my Lord and my God, open our eyes to see the print of the nails, let us put our hand to Thy side, and then we shall see how vile we are, living day by day as if earth was to be our habitation for ever. Oh God, we ask Thee each day to make us Thine, to make us *all* decide for Thee; we dare not say we believe *all* are saved; where is the sign Thou hast given us? My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me. Which of us can say that we love Thee above *all* things, blessed Lord? Then have we bent the knee in mockery until now? Have we prayed to an unknown God? Oh Saviour, what shall we do to be saved? Let us not remain a day longer in this condition; may we never meet again only for lip service, thinking we can deceive Thee. My God, my God, leave us not, convince us that heaven is a reality, that we must die; oh, now, before it is too late, make us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us, seal us as Thine own. Holy Spirit, breathe on our land; what habitations of cruelty are in it, what ignorance and sin: who is sufficient, Lord, for these things? The harvest, how abundant, and the labourers so few; wilt Thou not, dear Saviour, send forth Thy

servants, with a double portion of Thy Spirit, to work for Thee? To Thy gracious care we commend Thy people, scattered over the world. Take our soldiers and sailors into Thy special keeping, Heavenly Father, with so many temptations to draw their hearts from Thee; how shall they stand without Thine Almighty arm? Preserve our Queen; guide our rulers; direct the affairs of our country; keep the young, blessed Jesus, from the snare of worldliness, make them soldiers of the Cross in the days of youth and health; be with our beloved relatives and friends, to guide, to lead, and bring them home, when earth's little day is over. Let this day be spent with Thee, oh Lord our God. We ask all in the Name of Jesus, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Lord, we enter Thy presence again at the end of the day and the week with praise and thanksgiving for Thy mercies; all our wants have been supplied by Thy gracious care, and we have been preserved in health by Thy love and goodness;

what loving service we owe Thee for Thy kindness towards us. How ill we have served Thee through the week; how many duties we have neglected; what coldness we have shown in our efforts to serve Thee. Oh Saviour, we come for pardon, heal our diseases; constrain us, by Thy great love, to love Thee; we have in ourselves no good thing, cleanse us anew, in the open fountain. Prepare us for Thy holy day, may we put aside all earthly thoughts and cares, and hold communion with Thee with gladness. Give us Thy sweet presence, Lord, that our joy may be full. We have spent an unprofitable week, how many acts of service we might have done for Thee, our Father, that we have left undone; we have been impatient and hasty, and not trusted Thee our gracious Lord and Master. We have no excuse for our sins, we are guilty, and, if Thou, Lord, shouldest be extreme to mark iniquity, we must perish. Dear Saviour, Thou hast said there is forgiveness with Thee; we come to Thee for cleansing; we come, blessed Spirit, to be conformed to the will of our Lord, to do His pleasure for the rest of our lives, not willingly to offend or grieve our blessed Redeemer. Pardon the ungodly, the thousands who never bend the knee to Thee, or open their lips, but to take Thy name in vain;

how sad is their condition; send Thy word to them Lord, lift them out of the horrible pit; all things are possible to Thee. Look on the aged, give them Thy presence, let them see Thee, the Son of Man, sitting at the right hand of God, ready to welcome them; so soon to pass away. Train the young early for Thy service. Give Thy ministers a mouth and wisdom on the morrow, that none of Thine enemies shall be able to resist. Let Thy presence, blessed Saviour, support and comfort all who are at sea; may they feel Thou art the faithful God in the midst of Thy people, wherever they may be; send help to the suffering, the destitute; the dying. Bless the Queen, may she spend the Lord's day in communion with the risen Saviour. We ask Thy blessing and love for our relatives and friends, may they all be on the Lord's side; convert the servants. Thou knowest the hearts of all now before Thee, pardon those who only give Thee lip service. Saviour, give us all we need for Thy eternal kingdom. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THIRD WEEK.



LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Jesus, Thou King of Glory, we come to Thee to pardon and to save; oh Saviour, make us love Thee more; let us see Thee as we kneel in Thy presence; Holy Spirit, fill us with love—oh, our God, may our prayers be real communion with Thee, the outpouring of our souls to Thee, our Father in heaven. How holy Thou art, how sweet and gracious, to bid us come boldly to Thy Throne of Grace, and seek for help in every time of need. Lord, whom have we in heaven but Thee, and there is none on earth we desire beside Thee. Meet with us now, our blessed Lord and Master. This is Thine own day; we will rejoice and be glad in it, and go up to Thy house of prayer, with the multitude that keep holy day. May Thy Sabbath be a delight to us, the holy day of our God. Dear Lord, we daily sin; during the past week how ill we have served Thee. If we had

used each talent with earnestness and zeal how much we might have done which we have left undone. Give us more faithfulness, let this day be spent with Thee. Holy Spirit, endue us with power that we may go forth to win souls for our blessed Master's kingdom, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour, by a holy, consistent life. Holy Father, fill each temple throughout the world with Thy blessed presence; let Thy glory shine upon Thy people; bless and answer the prayers offered to Thee this day. Thy ministers need Thy grace, Lord; be near them, that they may speak according to Thy Word, with wisdom and power. We plead earnestly for sinners, dear Saviour; we have felt the unhappiness of being far from Thee; we know, oh Shepherd of Jehovah, that Thou alone can seek and save the lost sheep; Lord bring them in, let not Thy precious blood be shed in vain. Pardon the Sabbath-breaker, the worldly Christian who enters Thy house of prayer, but does not pray; sprinkle them with the atoning blood. Bless our soldiers and sailors to-day; give them the spirit of prayer and supplication; draw them, blessed Lord, to Thyself, and give an answer of peace. Breathe, Holy Spirit, on our land, that with one voice, our cry may go up to our God for pardon and healing.

We have sinned, oh Lord, we have sinned, and dishonoured Thee, but with Thee is mercy, that Thou mayest be glorified. Look on all we love, and make them Thine. Let each one in our home choose the Lord's side. Bless the young, bring back the wanderers to Thy fold. Lord, make us tender and loving to the poor. May Thy people never forget that the gold and silver is Thine. Preserve our Queen, enlighten our rulers with heavenly wisdom. Let our glory as a nation be that we serve the Lord who made heaven and earth. Now, unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all we ask or think, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Holy Spirit, breathe on us ; make us realize, though faintly, that we are entering into the presence of the King of Glory—Saviour, we come in Thy name ; bear us on Thy heart, Lord, before the Throne. Thy holy day is over, we bless Thee for it. Many of Thy believing people have seen Thy glory, and Thy beauty, by faith, oh King of

Israel, when in Thy Sanctuary this day ; may the hallowed thoughts, the sweetness of Thy presence, remain with them, that while they serve Thee during the week, they may feel that the Lord is nigh, and sees the heart. Pardon those who have knelt before Thee to-day praying with their lips, while the heart has been far away, thinking of earthly cares. Lord, Thou knowest each one who loves Thee. Pardon those poor blinded ones, who will not see, but walk still in the broad road which leads to death. Gracious Saviour, they cannot realize the happiness of being one of Thy redeemed ones ; look on them with tender love, and open their eyes. How many have broken Thy Sabbath by their evil ways ?—how many have spent it carelessly, in pleasure and idleness ? Oh God, forgive them for the Saviour's sake ; bring home the solemn conviction to each heart that, not to keep the Sabbath holy is sin, and against Thy command. Give Thine abundant blessing on the Word read and preached this day, when, according to Thy Will, and for Thy glory, may it be a light to the path of many who heard it. Holy Spirit, take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. May our land long enjoy her Sabbaths ; make us as a nation keep them holy to the Lord, not doing our own pleasure on Thy holy day. Bless

our Queen with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, convert every member of her family. May our rulers be men of God, guiding the affairs of our country with a single eye to Thy glory. Let Thy blessing, oh Lord, rest on our home, make it holy, each one in it consecrated to Thy service. May master and servants desire to serve one Master, even the Lord Christ. Breathe the blessed unction from above, Holy Spirit, on our soldiers and sailors; may they be the Lord's freemen, sealed with the promise of eternal life. Heavenly Father, guard and keep us evermore, for our Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Lord, Thou hearest prayer, Thou hast promised that no repenting sinner, asking for pardon and eternal life shall be sent empty away; Thou hast said Thou wilt give abundantly above all we can ask or think—dear Lord, we come this morning pleading these precious promises. There is no health in us, but in Thee all fulness dwells; create us anew in Christ Jesus. Each day we

want pardon, and Thy constraining love to make us will and do each act according to Thy good pleasure. What thanks we owe Thee, blessed Saviour, and what love, for Thy many mercies to us, from the first day of our lives until this moment. This morning we have all risen in health and safety; grant, Lord, that we may perform the duties of another day with a single eye to Thy glory. How ill we have served Thee, how little we have loved Thee, notwithstanding all Thy goodness to us. Holy Saviour, make us feel the infinite value of eternal things; bring to our remembrance continually the swiftness with which life passes away, and the uncertainty of all earthly ties, that our life as a shadow soon vanishes, and we are no more. May we make our calling and election sure, in the days of health and strength. Spread Thy Gospel, heavenly Father, through all the earth, and let the heathen praise Thee. Comfort Thy missionary servants. Holy Spirit, teach them, that they may preach the Word with power, and save many souls. Train the young, oh, our God, for Thy service; preserve them from the temptations of the world, and from the fear of man. May they never be ashamed to confess Thee. Pardon Thine own beloved people, the Jews; show them, Lord,

that Jesus is the Christ, the Holy One ! may our country send many labourers among them. Bless our home with Thy favour ; let us not be Christians only in name, walking with such uncertain steps that Thine enemies know not whether we are on the Lord's side. Preserve our Queen and all connected with her ; may she walk before Thee with a perfect heart. Guide the affairs of our land, blessed Saviour ; may our rulers love and serve Thee. Convert our beloved relatives and friends ; let none delay to seek Thee until a dying hour. Bless the little children with Thy favour and love, bring them early into Thy fold. Dear Saviour, abide with us, then all shall be well for time and eternity. We ask every blessing for Thine own name's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

We again meet before Thee, O Lord our Saviour, to bear witness before the world that we believe that Thou art the Lord who made heaven and earth, the Almighty Jehovah who ruleth over all, the angel of the covenant who hath redeemed

Thy people. We desire to acknowledge before all men that we know and feel that our safety for time and eternity depends on Thee. Pardon, oh Lord, the sins of this day—before men we may have appeared to walk uprightly, but Thou seest the heart, the motive for each action; dear Saviour, we cannot deceive Thee. Holy Spirit, enable us to understand, in some degree, the holiness of our God; that He is of purer eyes than to look on iniquity; that evil cannot dwell with Him. Oh, may we see, dear Lord, the evil of our own hearts—if we look within we find worldliness, and so little love to Thee; we care far more for our own comfort and convenience than Thy service and glory. Blessed Redeemer, we cannot say it is our meat and drink to do Thy will—how long shall we remain so lukewarm? Can we be Thy servants, and the heart not entirely Thine? Is this coldness like servants who do their Lord's will? Saviour, come in and abide with us; make us holy, as Thou, our King, art holy. Blessed Spirit, sanctify us; give us more energy, zeal, and love, in our heavenly Master's service; make us consistent in our daily walk; may we lose no opportunity to glorify God, and serve His people. Lord, give our Queen a wise and understanding heart, that she may govern her people according to the

will of the heavenly Master, who has placed her over them. Convert our household ; may masters and servants be faithful ones, who watch for their Lord's coming. Oh Saviour, may we live as those who realize the solemn truth that, at any moment, Thy summons may come to take us home. Bless our soldiers and sailors with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus ; may they feel that they have the King of Glory for their friend. Send Thy servants, oh, our God, with loving words, to bring them to Thee. Bless the young, and bring them in among Thy chosen ones. Turn the ungodly from the ways of sin. Speak, dear Saviour, to the drunkard, the Sabbath breaker, the outcast ; lay thine hand on them that they may live. Be near the sick and dying, the aged ones, the sorrowful. Thy presence alone can cheer and support Thy people. Into Thy hands we commit ourselves this night, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Come to us, oh Lamb of God, as we kneel before Thee, reveal Thyself to us, as the Saviour ready to pardon, that we may with all our hearts, praise and bless Thee, for our safety this morning. Thou knowest, Lord, that we need the atoning blood each day, to wash our sin and defilement away. We groan, being burdened with sin, undertake for us. We are helpless, poor, needy—make us really feel this; not repeat it, as idle words, with which we have no concern. Dear Lord, our great sin is rejecting Thee, passing on unheeding, not making our calling and election sure: how long Thou hast borne with us, we slumber on, forgetting that the narrow road alone leadeth unto life. For Thine own sake, blessed Saviour, give us that abundant life which Thou hast promised to those who seek. Make us Temples of the living God. Send us from Thy presence, Heavenly Father, baptized with the Holy Spirit, that in all our occupations and duties during the day, we may know Thou art near, to guide in duty, and save in temptation, and comfort in every need; no circumstance of our lives is too trifling.

Thou hast promised to be near Thy believing people always, and for ever. Oh God, when we think of all Thy blessed promises, we feel miserable at our ingratitude—what have we done for Thee? Many of us have not even taken the Cup of Salvation, which Thou hast offered to us so long. Holy Saviour, we lie at the foot of Thy Cross, and ask for an abundant outpouring of Thy Spirit on our country. Holy Spirit, open our eyes, to see the things which concern our Salvation. Lord, send faithful labourers among the people, who will be instant in prayer, and reprove and exhort with energy and love, for Thy Name's sake. Train Thy Missionary servants for their solemn work, be their God and guide evermore, incline many to help Thy cause at home and in foreign lands,—the gold and silver are Thine.—Thy gospel, the glad tidings of great joy, must prevail. Bless the Sabbath schools throughout the land, may each teacher be the Lord's servant, striving to gain souls for their Master in heaven. Holy Spirit, breathe on our ministers; unless each is sealed as the Lord's servant, we know their labour will be vain. Oh Captain of the Lord's host, come among us, and lead us on to victory, as humble followers of the Lamb. Guard all we love,

our Father. May they be the Lord's servants, may the everlasting arms be around us this day; for our Saviour's sake, hear us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Oh Lord our God, how sweet and solemn is the privilege of Thy people, to approach Thee as a tender Father, to ask for pardon, and give Thee thanksgiving and praise—each evening we come to Thee as a family, master and servants, for the comfort of Thy presence. Dear Saviour, we cannot lie down to rest until we know that we are forgiven. Thou knowest all things, Lord, Thou knowest that we desire to love Thee. Come near and say, thy sins are forgiven. We have grieved Thee, this day, in so many ways, our inconsistency and worldliness disgrace our Christian name—and yet, Lord, we could not bear Thee to say, depart from me; take away these hard hearts, so unfeeling, and so thoughtless: Holy Spirit, dwell in us, that we may be more conformed to the will of our God. Lord, give us communion with Thee; Thou hast promised to dwell in Thy people, to

walk with them ; oh give us this joy and peace in believing. Have mercy, dear Saviour, on the friendless, the poor, who have no home—be, Thyself, their everlasting portion ; one look at Thee, Lord, will enable them to bear earth's trials with patience and hope. Pardon Thine enemies, those who have sinned this day without caring for God, who do not love the Lord who bought them, and will not listen to Thy message of love. Shield our soldiers and sailors, heavenly Father, from danger and temptation, enable them to feel that Thy ways are pleasantness, and the way of the righteous peace. Bless the aged, guide their feeble steps safely home, let them see Thee when passing through the waters. Dear Saviour, take the little ones in Thine arms, that they may early choose Thy service. Pardon us as a nation, hear the prayers of Thy little flock, and deal not with us according to our sins ; for our blessed Redeemer's sake, forgive us : may we remember that we are safe only while we serve the Lord faithfully. Preserve our beloved relatives and friends, may we meet before Thy throne, blessed Jesus, when earth's warfare is over. Convert our rulers, and guide their consultations, that Thy name may be honoured, and Thy glory be the first thought of rulers and people, so shall peace reign in our land.

Bless our Queen, may she love and serve Thee; convert all connected with her. Abide with us, dear Lord, in life and death, let no moment of life pass without Thy blessed presence. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Lord, let us tread reverently as on Holy ground when we come into Thy presence. Our Saviour lives to make intercession for us, and in His blessed name we approach Thee to-day. How great is Thy love and mercy; Thou the High and Holy one, before whose glory angels veil their faces, and we sinful and defiled, and while in this mortal body, unable to imagine Thy holiness and purity, still, dear Lord, Thou hast found a way in which we can come to Thee, because Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love, when we were dead in sin. Can we think on these things and not love Thee? In spite of all Thy goodness we slight Thee, dear Saviour, day by day. Lead us forth to-day, for Thine own glory, to duty and service. May love for the Lord's sake control our actions this day towards all men. Make us tender to the unconverted, and strive by our life and

conversation to lead them to Thee. Lord, give Thy people courage to speak for Thee, may the mark of a holy life be seen on them ; let them not disgrace their profession by walking in the paths of the ungodly. Thy command is come out from among them and be ye separate ; oh, our God, let it be seen by the world that we walk with the Holy Jesus ; Holy Spirit, keep us from wilful sin this day ; leave not the wanderers until they can say, " My Lord and my God : " how precious are Thy thoughts to us, oh Lord, thoughts of love and not of anger, if we will turn to Thee and live. Lamb of God, thou knowest how many we bear on our heart before Thee, let them not be lost, turn them from the road which leads to destruction. Train the young, blessed Saviour, early for Thy service, teach them while there is time, that the joys of Thy kingdom far exceed anything this world can offer, so unsatisfying and so fleeting are its pleasures. Blessed Spirit, breathe on our Missionaries everywhere, may they be earnest and zealous for their Heavenly Master ; in trial, Lord, be near them, in loneliness, and sickness ; we know, our Saviour, that they are dear to Thee. Preserve those in dangerous employments, may they remember the uncertainty of life, and be ready to meet Thee sud-

denly, if it is Thy will. Bless the Queen, our rulers, the aged. Be with the dying, give prosperity to our land if for Thy glory. Let us not grieve Thee to-day. Keep us from temptation ; may we love Thee more, and serve Thee better each day. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Which of us now before Thee, oh Lord, has the blessedness of the man who fears Thee and walks in Thy ways ; dear Saviour, Thou art near, but we will not seek Thee. Thy hand is not shortened, nor Thine ear heavy, our sins keep us away from Thee. We put aside the thought that each day we are hastening on to that solemn moment when we shall see Thee, we will not remember that our life is but as it were a span long, so soon does it pass away and we are gone. Oh Saviour, raise our thoughts to the wonderful glories of Thy kingdom, let us meditate on Thy love, and make us long for that happy day when Thy believing people shall walk by living waters with Thee. Pardon and put away our many sins, which Thy

holy eye has seen this day—duties neglected, service for Thee coldly performed, hasty and idle words, wasted time which Thou hast commanded us diligently to employ. Oh Saviour! can we be called servants who do our Lord's will? Intercede for us, oh Lamb of God, give us more earnest desire to do Thy will; if we only knew how sweet it is to walk with Thee, we could not be so easily turned aside; open our eyes, Holy Spirit; lead, Saviour, lead; let us not go on day by day unchanged; pour on us the spirit of prayer, let us understand the command—pray without ceasing. Oh, for that daily, hourly communion, dear Lord, it would be heaven to our souls, so listless, and so far from Thee, give it to us we beseech Thee. Have mercy on our native land, pour showers of blessing on it, that it may be a praise in the earth as a holy nation serving the King of Glory. Bless and save Thy beloved people, the house of Israel; hasten the day when they shall know the Holy Saviour as their king. Heal the divisions among Thy people, let love be in the heart of all, knowing that they serve one master in heaven. Incline the hearts of the young to work in Thy vineyard, and give their best days to Thy service. Preserve all we love from danger and sin. May we all be like our beloved Lord,

meek and lowly in heart, thinking no service too humble when performed for the Saviour. Take us under Thy care this night; we fear no danger with Thee at hand to save; into Thy hands we commend ourselves, oh Lord God of truth. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Oh King of Glory, pass by us this morning and lay Thine hand on us in blessing; we thank Thee that, as a nation, we bear the Christian name, that there are thousands in our land offering Thee their morning sacrifice of prayer and praise. Blessed Spirit, give that Holy unction from above that the prayers offered to our God may not be in form only, but power, in spirit, and in truth; teach us that each room is a sanctuary, a holy place, where we desire to meet with the holy God, the King whose throne is in heaven. Dear Lord, how often do our thoughts wander, we forget that we are supplicants for eternal glory, that we desire to be heirs of heaven, and yet we heed not what we say. Oh renew our sinful nature, wash us with the precious blood of Christ.

When shall we be able to say we have fellowship with the Father and the Son? When shall we come into Thy presence with joy, feeling that our happiest hours are spent before Thy mercy seat? Make this our experience, Holy Saviour; then shall we have some little foretaste of that heaven, where all is joy, and peace, and love, and thy servants serve Thee without sin, knowing and doing Thy will continually. Who among the thousands receiving blessings each hour are on the Lord's side? How is each day spent by those who are called by Thy name? Dear Lord, if we counted the hours spent in worldly pursuits, and the minutes spent with Thee, we should bow our heads and weep. Saviour! such love no earthly friend would accept, and Thou sayest to us each moment, Behold, I stand at the door and knock. Oh make us let Thee in, let us not delay: may our service be a reality from the heart. Keep us this day from worldliness and idleness; may we be earnest labourers, redeeming the time for loving work in Thy cause, so many souls perishing with no one near to lead and tell them that Thou, dear Saviour, died and liveth evermore to plead for lost ones. Surround our beloved ones with the everlasting arms. Lord, Thou knowest how we long to see them safe in Thy fold, we know that

all power belongeth unto Thee ; blessed Saviour, for Thy name's sake, hear our prayer and save them. Heavenly Father, protect our soldiers and sailors, convert those in command, that they may, by a holy life, lead the men committed to their charge to choose for Thee. Have mercy on the poor, raise up friends to care for and relieve them. Be tender, dear Saviour, to the aged ones. Make Thy believing people more faithful, earnest, and holy. Answer us, heavenly father, exceeding abundantly. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

We praise Thee, oh God, that Thou hast in Thy loving-kindness again permitted us to meet together to worship Thee. We know Thou hast preserved us from many unseen dangers, and that Thy care and love alone keep us in health and strength to enjoy the many mercies Thou hast given us. May we never forget Thee, our gracious God and Father. We do now, dear Saviour, with thankful hearts acknowledge Thy benefits to us, we feel quite unworthy of any goodness from

Thee ; our only hope and comfort is, that Thou hast loved us even as rebels, and Thou canst make us worthy ; without this sure hope, and firm trust in thy promises, we dare not come near Thee to-night. Thou hast condescended, dear Lord, to call Thy believing people friends, and hast shown Thy great love in dying that we might live. Heavenly Father, can we doubt that with Thy beloved Son Thou wilt freely give us all things. Teach us, Lord, to love Thy holy word, to search it diligently, and make it the guide of our lives. May we see in it, how gracious thou art, so holy, so tender, and faithful, that Thy promises are all yea and amen in Christ. Dear Saviour, pardon the sins of this day—so many, so often repeated ; so much worldliness, and oh how little holiness ; we lay our hand on our mouth, we cannot answer Thee ; we know there is forgiveness through Thy precious blood, and we plead it now with Thee ; wash us, take away the evil of our doings, and lead us in the way everlasting. Holy Father, keep our beloved relatives and friends in safety, be their God, and may they be Thy faithful servants. Preserve our Queen ; make her holy ; convert all connected with her. Look with favour on our native land, forgive our infidelity and ungodliness ; may we remember that

the name of our Lord is upon us, and woe to us as a nation if we disgrace it; impress on our hearts that Thou art a God pardoning iniquity, but that Thou wilt not clear the guilty who continue in sin. Comfort and sustain thy missionary servants, and give Thy blessing on Thy word; give them courage and patience in their warfare against sin and ignorance. Convert the young; Holy Spirit, breathe on them. Dear Saviour, bring many into Thy fold from the ungodly who appear hopeless to men; but by Thee, oh Lord of Hosts, can be made willing in the day of Thy power. Bless the little ones, and keep them from the evil. Hear our prayers for Thy name's sake, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Dear Saviour, let us feel Thee near to-day. Thou hast told us not to be as the hypocrites who, for a pretence, make long prayers, to be seen of men. Thou hast shown us in Thy word, that the longings of the soul after thee, the living God, alone get an answer of peace. Oh Lord, we desire

to come, laying bare our hearts before Thee; we know not what to pray for, we are so foolish and ignorant before Thee; give us words, dear Lord, and then give us the blessing. We want Thine own glorious robe of righteousness, gracious Saviour; put it on us, that we may be ready for the wedding feast; let us cast aside these soiled garments of sin, worldliness, and rebellion against Thee—how long we have worn them willingly; we are so dead and blind. Deliver us from the snare of the world and the devil; we know Satan is at hand to tempt every soul not living near Thee. Lord, Thy power is Almighty, under the shadow of Thy wing we are safe from every danger. We praise Thee, heavenly Father, for health, that we have food and clothing, and many undeserved comforts. May we remember that money is Thy gift, and Thou wilt require an account of our stewardship; make us think of the poor and be tender to them: Lord, we know it is Thy command, enable us to fulfil it faithfully from love to our God. We pray for the working men of England, may there be a revival among them, Lord; Holy Spirit, open their eyes to the uncertainty of life, and after this, that they must appear before God: bear it on the hearts of Thy people that there is work to do for Thee, blessed Saviour, among them. How

solemn is the thought, oh Lord, that Thou hast placed us on earth to prepare for Thy heavenly kingdom; impress this on our hearts, and that no act is of any value in Thy sight, unless performed with a single eye to Thy glory, however fair it may appear in the sight of man. Give Thy blessing, blessed Saviour, on our Sabbath schools, may teachers and children love Thy word, let them see the wondrous things of Thy law. Bless our beloved relatives, guide them in the way of Thy commandments. Prosper Thy servants working in Thy cause everywhere, give them wisdom and patience; may Thy love, blessed Saviour, be their support in every trial. Bless our home with an outpouring of Thy Spirit, that none may be unconverted, but master and servants serve Thee, Lord. We ask every blessing in the name of our gracious Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Oh Lord, another day has passed away—what shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits towards us?—our service is so faithless, our love so

cold,—but Thou each day hast given us blessings without number. This day has passed without accident or misfortune ; many are on beds of sickness, but we are assembled in health to praise Thee. Blessed Saviour, bring these mercies constantly to our remembrance that we may feel our times are in Thy hands, that we have no power either to get prosperity or to keep evil from ourselves or those we love. Dear Saviour, may we honour Thee by thankfulness and faith, being assured that Thou doest all things well, whether in prosperity or adversity. Pardon our sins this day ; each evening as we come to meet with Thee we feel the burden of sin, that we are unworthy to come into Thy presence, that we have neglected duty, and, above all, we have cared little for communion with Thee, the God of our life. Oh Lord, we feel that our affections are fixed too much on earthly things, yet we desire, blessed Redeemer, to love Thee more, to grow in grace ; increase this desire in us, let us not be tied to earth ; dear Lord, give us joy and peace in believing. If we have dishonoured Thee by worldliness or inconsistency this day, Lord forgive us : may none be hindered by our sin. Give Thy blessing on all who are in responsible positions, that they may, by precept and example, adorn the doctrine of God

our Saviour. Holy Spirit, breathe on the young ; Lord, Thou knowest that the natural heart is at enmity with Thee, and earth's pleasures and temptations draw it still farther away from Thee : in Thy great love and compassion bring them into Thy fold. Make our home holy, may each member of it love the blessed Jesus, may we never walk in fellowship with those who hate and deny Thee ; or in worldly friendship forget the Saviour who died for us. We pray for the ungodly, for those who from earliest infancy have been taught sin—dear Lord, save them ; let it be seen by Thine enemies that nothing is too hard for Thee, the Almighty Lord of heaven and earth. Heavenly Father, be with our soldiers and sailors in danger and temptation ; guide them in the way of everlasting life, send Thy servants among them to tell of a Saviour's love. Forgive professing Christians, and convert them before it is too late ; Lord convince them that they have only a name to live while they are still dead in sins. Abide with us, dear Saviour, and keep us and those we love in safety. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Dear Lord, again we come to Thy mercy-seat to meet with Thee, another week has passed away, and we are so much nearer our dying hour. Has each one before Thee made that everlasting covenant with Thee, ordered in all things and sure, which by the merits of our Divine Redeemer makes us heirs of life everlasting? Blessed Saviour, in pity and love make those who have not done it realize that they are on the road which leads to death, that our mortal life depends on Thy will, that this day their soul may be required of them, their day of grace over. Holy Spirit, enable them to see these solemn realities, that without delay they may go to the Lord for pardon and salvation. To morrow, Holy Saviour, is Thy holy day; constrain us to put aside all earthly concerns to-day, and arrange our worldly affairs that we may on Thy day meditate on Thy word, free from all distracting care and business. Thou hast only required one day in seven, more particularly for Thy service; have we so little love, dear Saviour, that we will not joyfully serve Thee, and feel it our greatest happiness to meet with Thee in Thy house of prayer, and in solitude to see our King of Glory, and commune with the

Holy One ? May the master of each household love Thee, and consider that servants are their charge from Thee ; make them lead these precious souls by loving words to serve Thee. Bless the aged, let them feel Thy love and tenderness more each day as they draw near the end of life's journey ; convert the young, train labourers, Lord, from among them for Thy service. All are ready for earthly service ; how few are ready to go forward and win souls for the heavenly master. Oh God, make us as a nation hallow Thy Sabbaths, let us not by our ungodliness bring down a curse instead of a blessing on England. Prepare Thy ministers, Lord, with a double portion of Thy blessing ; if we could believe all were converted, what a pentecostal shower would then descend, dear Saviour, on the people ; Thy hand is not shortened, but our prayers are lifeless and unbelieving. Preserve our Queen in health and safety, in all her ways may she acknowledge the Lord. May we with one heart agonize before our God in prayer for the drunkard, the infidel, the careless sinner, and oh, Lord, send us a gracious answer for the dear Redeemer's sake : protect all we love, let not one go on in the ways of sin. Oh make us earnest servants, heavenly Father, our eyes fixed on our eternal home, and that dear Saviour whom we

must all soon meet, and whom not having yet seen we love : for his sake, Lord, hear us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Jesus, Thou King of Glory, hear our prayers, Blessed Saviour, who hast suffered and died for us, draw near to us, as we now desire to draw near to Thee. Holy Spirit, teach us how to pray; make us ask those things which are according to Thy will; make our souls thirst for the living God; may our longing be to have the Lord as our portion for ever. Heavenly Father, wash away the sins of the day in the blood of the Lamb; forgive our waywardness and impatience. Dear Lord, we try to live for earth and heaven; we hate to be controlled, we do not like Thy discipline. Oh Saviour, pardon us, conform us to Thy will, teach us that this will is our sanctification, that following our own desires will not make us holy; make us willing to lie passive in Thy hands, and have no will but Thine : perform Thy work on us, and prepare us, blessed Spirit, for the Master's use. Lord, constrain Thy people to

prepare for the Sabbath by arranging all worldly affairs and setting aside worldly occupations before the morrow; may the ungodly see that Thy people obey with willingness and call the Sabbath a delight: pity and pardon those who never keep Thy day; Lord, Thou knowest their misery; they have no happy hours, led captive by the devil—and how little we think on them; make us more tender, more prayerful, blessed Jesus, send forth Thy light and truth into the dark places of the earth. Have mercy on our country, save it from Popery; may the people love Thy word, and value it, as the message of the living God, never giving it up, but with life. May the Lord's day be a holy day for our soldiers and sailors; may Thine eye see many faithful assemblies of them in our land—an army bearing testimony for the Lord of Hosts. Keep our beloved relations and friends in safety this night; guard our home; may we go to rest with the happy assurance that the Lord watcheth over us. Preserve the Queen, be her God, give her wisdom and understanding; direct our rulers, Lord, may the affairs of our country be governed by men who love and serve Thee. Have mercy on the sick and dying, give them needful comforts and above all Thy sweet presence, blessed Saviour. Look in love and favour

on Thy missionary servants, prosper their work,
sustain and support them amidst difficulties.
Pardon the infidel, convert professing Christians,
may they see that they are not on the Lord's side.
Abide with us, dear Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FOURTH WEEK.



LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Blessed Saviour, on Thine own day, the Sabbath of the Lord, we come before Thee with joyful hearts, to sing Thy praise. Let this holy day be a time of refreshment to our souls; dear Lord, let it not be spent in vain and worldly thoughts, in idle employments; may we remember that Thou hast appointed it for our happiness and comfort, and called it the Holy of the Lord, honourable, and hast commanded us, in an especial manner, to set apart the day for Thee. Oh, Holy Spirit, breathe on our souls, give us such comforting views of our Lord and Saviour, such an understanding heart, to see the believer's safety and nearness to Him, that earth's vanities may appear to us as worthless in comparison, and we may be filled with joy unspeakable. Blessed Saviour, let us see Thee; walk with us, reveal Thy sweetness and Thy love, let Thy goodness

pass before us, may Thy presence be so felt and enjoyed that we may be strengthened for duty and service. Dear Lord, be in the midst of the assemblies, let Thy glory fill the sanctuary, may the people enter Thy courts with reverence, may they feel that it is the house of God, the gate of heaven, that the King of Glory is in the midst of His believing people, and that they enter the Temple as sinners needing pardon and eternal life. Oh Saviour, pour down an abundant blessing on the people; save the ungodly, let none return to their homes without a blessing; may Thy gospel, proclaimed by Thy ministers, convert many souls. Holy Spirit, enlighten our ministers, may they feel their responsibility as examples to the flock, and be much in prayer for help and guidance from their heavenly Master. Lord, especially guard the young, make them love Thy day; preserve them from the many temptations around them to spend it in pleasure and forgetfulness of Thee. Holy God, pardon the Sabbath breaker, restrain him from sin, let him not lead astray the careless and ignorant; make us as a nation reverence the Sabbath day, may we remember that Thou hast promised an abundant blessing on all who spend it with Thee. Let Thy presence, Holy Saviour, cheer the sick and

the dying, that they may see, by faith, that heavenly sanctuary to which they are hastening, and where they shall behold Thee, blessed Jesus, in glory as the King of Kings. May our beloved relatives love and serve Thee. Holy Father, from heaven, Thy dwelling place, look down in great love and bless Thy people; Holy Saviour, intercede for us, for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

LORD'S DAY EVENING.

Oh God, our Saviour, have we spent this day with Thee? no, dear Lord, we cannot say we have had that near communion with Thee which Thou hast promised to those who seek Thee, longing to see Thee; Thou art willing, blessed Redeemer, but our coldness and hardness blinds our eyes, and keeps us from our God and Saviour. Lord, we lie at Thy feet desiring pardon; oh give us that earnest love that shall never rest until we find Thee, until Thou dwell with us day by day, and no cloud of worldliness comes between us and our God. Pardon the many careless prayers which have been offered up to Thee this day;

Heavenly Father, forgive the inconsistencies of Thy people, may their conduct never be a stumbling-block to the ungodly, but by holiness and meekness may they recommend Thy service to the unconverted. Bless the services among our soldiers and sailors this day, dear Saviour; make them hallow Thy Sabbaths, raise up holy men, with love for immortal souls and zeal for Thy cause to labour among them. Prosper all Sabbath schools taught in the doctrine of our God and Saviour, let Thy blessing rest on teachers and children; preserve our land from infidelity, Popery, and false doctrine; open the eyes of the people that they may understand and accept the glad tidings in Thy word. Blessed Lord, wash away the sins of this day; whatever Thou hast seen amiss in the assemblies in Thy house of prayer, pardon and put away. Dear Saviour, we rejoice to believe that there is and ever has been a little band of Thy faithful followers on earth, and that each day more are added, until at last we shall be a goodly company which no man can number; keep them always near Thee, Thou holy one, according to Thy promise. Have pity on the poor, supply their need, often so lonely and friendless: be their God and Saviour; train the young, keep them from the evil, may they never be

ashamed to own the Lord as the master whom they love and serve. Preserve our Queen, may she show forth the praises of our God by a holy life, convert all connected with her. Convert our rulers; Holy Spirit, bear it on the heart of each that, unless the Lord rule the city, there will be no prosperity for Britain. Overshadow us, Lord, with Thy wings this night; we leave all we love under Thy care. May master and servants be faithful to the Lord in thought and deed, doing heartily each service as to Him. Now, unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, be honour and glory. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Heavenly Father, may we see Thee to-day as our God and Father in Christ Jesus, and walk before Thee with a perfect heart and single eye to Thy glory. May we be able to say to our souls, I know in whom I have believed. Oh Saviour, give us this joy and assurance; with what freedom we shall then tread in the way of Thy commandments. We should ask, Lord, more earnestly for

these blessings, but we know not their value ; we are not happy in sin, and still we do not love holiness ; holy Spirit, renew our hearts ; blessed Saviour, Thou knowest our helplessness, undertake for us. We praise Thee, oh, our God, for health and safety—may all kneeling before Thee pray in spirit and in truth ; solemnize us, make us remember, heavenly Father, Thy holiness and Thy glory ; and we, so full of sin, how can we approach Thy divine Majesty. Oh Saviour, stand between, break down the wall of sin which separates us from our God, let us enter in to have communion with Thee. Each one has their duty and service appointed by Thee—Lord, may we be found faithful in trial and perplexity, calm, for our “ times ” are in Thy hands ; give us energy and zeal, considering how short our time may be on earth ; make us work diligently in Thy service while our day lasts. Preserve us, blessed Saviour, from the snare of idleness ; let us not be like the slothful servant, who knew his Lord’s will, and did it not. Lord, we cannot live without Thy smile, may we pass the day feeling Thou art near. Convert the sinner, dear Saviour—didst Thou not weep and pray for them when on earth ?—and still Thou hast said, Thou art the interceding High Priest. Lord, we weep for the infidel, we hate to hear Thy name

denied, Thy authority set aside by man, whom Thou hast made ; oh, our God, turn them from their evil ways, make them think of eternity spent under Thy displeasure, Thy face hidden from them for ever. Holy Spirit, awaken professors, teach them how to pray, make them see their danger. Bless our household, may parents and children, master and servants, seek Thee earnestly until they find Thee, and knock without ceasing until Thou, blessed Saviour, open the door. Preserve our Queen and country ; may the Lord be our God for ever and ever, and the word of truth our greatest treasure. Dear Saviour, we commend our soldiers and sailors to Thee, bear them on Thy heart before the holy God, the Lord of hosts, guard them always. Bless the aged, may they be found in the way of righteousness. Grant our prayers, heavenly Father, for the Redeemer's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Holy Saviour, we come to offer Thee our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise, for all the mercies we have received this day. Thou hast graciously

preserved us from danger and sickness; no accident has befallen us, no plague come near our dwelling. How little we think of Thy loving kindness, or remember how helpless we are; no thought of ours could avert danger or keep sickness from our home, and yet, Lord, we daily live as if by our own power and wisdom we could be safe; how seldom during the day we think of Thee, and, Saviour, we are called by Thy name; we do not consider that we deny Thee by this forgetfulness, that we are worse than the heathen who never heard Thy name. Make us more thankful; let us realize that in Thee is our help and strength. Forgive the sins committed against Thee, Lord, this day; we have not done one thing as we ought to have done: selfishness has marked each act, and not love to Thee, or a wish for Thy glory. We feel the burden of sin; but Thou, dear Saviour, can alone lift the load from our hearts: make us walk more worthy of our high calling, as the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Give grace and wisdom to those who are in responsible positions, that they may by a holy life recommend Thy service to others. Convert those appointed to teach the young, that the little ones may be carefully trained for Thee; make Thy missionary servants more earnest and holy; may they think continually

and deeply of the infinite value of each immortal soul in Thy sight. Lord, we can only say of ourselves, that we are a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity; our life work is for the comfort of the body; we forget that heaven should be our home. Give a revival in our land; let us not go on, year after year, forgetting Thee, lest Thou turn away Thy face from us and we perish. Spread Thy cause and kingdom, blessed Saviour, among the heathen; let the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth: send labourers to the dark places of our own land, so many passing away each day without hearing the Saviour's name: Lord, have mercy on them. Comfort the mourners, the sick, and dying; may Christians show the spirit of the Saviour, by tenderness and pity to the poor, and loving service to all men. Preserve us from all evil this night; our relatives and friends we commend to Thee, our heavenly Father. Who is a God like unto Thee, pardoning iniquity, transgression, and sin? and sinners pass on, heedless of Thy mercy and love. Lord, make us feel Thy love more; dear Redeemer, for Thine own Name's sake, hear us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Oh Lord of Hosts, may we come into Thy presence wishing to pray ; gracious God, may our hearts long after Thee as the hart panteth for the waterbrook, let it not be a lifeless service. Oh how much we want, Lord, and we are so cold and careless in asking it ; we want the wish for eternal life. Dear Saviour, how canst Thou look on us when we are so guilty as this—if we could live on earth for ever sinful, but unpunished, we should choose it. How can we bear to think of such unholy hearts, such earthliness and sin. Oh God, we are so blind that we cannot see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, we do not hate it as we ought ; Holy Spirit, teach us. Dear Saviour, are we not needy, wanting everything ? anoint our eyes with eye salve, give us a thirsting for the water of life, then clothe us, dear Lord, with Thy glorious robe of righteousness. Heavenly Father, can we not say as Thy prophets of old : The godly man ceaseth out of the land, where are the men who spend life in Thy service ? the busy day is passed in seeking worldly pleasure and wealth. Can it prosper ? when Thou hast commanded us to seek first the kingdom of God. Oh for the enlightened eyes, blessed Saviour, that we may

look off this earthly scene, and fix our gaze on that glorious time when Thou, the King of Glory, shalt come again, and all Thy saints with Thee. Lord, we do long for this sometimes, but we now see through a glass darkly. We beseech thee, oh God, leave us not to ourselves or we perish. Make our household holy; may the master guide children and servants in the way of life eternal, that if the heavenly Master comes, in the first or second watch, all may joyfully meet Him, saying, this is our God, we have waited for Him. Bless our Queen with heavenly blessings, make her faithfully serve Thee in the responsible position in which Thou hast placed her; may her family be blessed by our God and Saviour. Prosper and guide Thy missionaries, and let all the nations confess that their work is of God. Lord, let not the ungodly continue in sin; have mercy on the drunkard, Thy hand alone can arrest him; oh, our God, Thou knowest he is hastening to destruction, for Thine own Name's sake, blessed Jesus, save him. Bless our land, Holy Spirit, with an abundant outpouring of grace and mercy, let the people serve the Lord Jehovah. Lord, have mercy on Thine own people the Jews; may their blindness cease, and the glory of our God shine on them. Abide, gracious Saviour, with our soldiers and

sailors, let it be seen that the blessing of the Lord is with them. Lead, Saviour, lead Thy people this day, and may they follow Thee. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Oh Lord, what thanks we owe Thee, and what love for the mercies of the past day, and of our lives until now ; we desire to praise Thee, to remember that Thy love is undeserved, that we have never done anything for Thee, even to show our thankfulness, that Thou hast loaded us with benefits, and declared unto us that Thou didst love us even while we were in rebellion against Thee. Blessed Saviour, we cannot answer Thee, we can only lay our hand on our mouth, we have no excuse to make for such indifference, we have been told of Thy love, we have been offered pardon and peace ; if Thou, oh God, art extreme to mark iniquity, we cannot stand before Thee, the righteous judge of all the earth. Lord, Thou hast said if we come in the name of Jesus, Thou wilt pardon and put away our sin ; we come, heavenly Father, for pardon and fresh supplies of

grace, for the sake of our blessed Saviour. Holy Spirit, shine on us according to the promise of our God, fill our souls with holy desires, take away worldly thoughts, let us see heavenly realities at their true value, that we may pass by earthly pleasures with indifference. Dear Saviour, let it be our greatest sorrow to grieve Thee; may we never put Thee to shame before Thine enemies by our disobedience and sin; may we love the Christian name, and esteem it the highest honour to be called the disciples of the Holy Jesus. Lord, impress on us how solemn it is for any poor sinner to enter into the service of the King of Glory, to be sealed with the holy covenant of promise as the children of God; what manner of persons should we be in all holy conversation and godliness when we remember these things. Holy Spirit, may we never forget what an evil and bitter thing it is to sin against the Lord. Bless our country, save it from Popery; let Thy Holy Word be loved and read by the people. Blessed God, Thou hast promised it shall never return to Thee void, but accomplish Thy will in the salvation of sinners: abundantly prosper it, dear Saviour, in our land. Preserve all we love, give them needful earthly comforts, and the sunshine of Thy presence, blessed Jesus, which is better

than life. Bless our missionaries, be always near them in their life of trial and danger in their heavenly Master's service. Baptize Thy ministers with the Holy Ghost, blessed Saviour, that the people may be faithfully taught the way of salvation: make them earnest to save souls. Lord, Thou hast said suffer the little ones to come unto Me; take them early as Thine own. Dear Saviour, hear us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! how few of us consider the wonderful comfort, the glorious blessings, which that blessed name implies. Oh God, teach us that it is the assurance of salvation and safety to us, that this God is our Saviour, that He came to live and die for us, that He is the Omnipotent Jehovah: when He commands no man can turn it aside. Lord, impress on our hearts that upon this Almighty One our salvation depends. Can we any longer doubt that neither height, nor depth, nor any creature, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus? may we

ever think of it, to our everlasting comfort and joy. We praise Thee, dear Saviour, that we have again risen in health and safety as a family to meet before Thee. May master and servants consider the goodness of the Lord, may it lead unconverted ones to repentance. Lord, preserve the young from worldliness; Thou knowest their many temptations, that the natural heart is at enmity with Thee; Holy Spirit, impress upon them, that our God has said, Remember now Thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Dear Saviour, make parents think of the charge Thou hast given them, to prepare the little children for Thee, and that Thou wilt require it at their hands if immortal souls are lost, from their neglect in training the little ones for Jesus. Prepare the aged ones for Thy kingdom, give them full assurance, and good hope, through grace. Be near the dying, dear Lord, Thou knowest the weakness of the flesh, and through Thy supporting grace alone, can we say, Oh death, where is thy sting. Blessed Saviour, we beseech Thee, train labourers for Thy work, so many wanted, so few willing to give themselves to Thee; thousands perishing while we look on, indifferent to these things, forgetting how short their day of grace may be. Heavenly Father, make Thy people more earnest, may they

feel more deeply the importance of heavenly things. Lord, bless our Sabbath schools, convert teachers, and children ; Holy Spirit, breathe on them. Be with us this day, may all our duties, however trifling they may appear to us, be done as to the Lord, and Thy glory, blessed Jesus, be our only motive. Have mercy on our Queen, and all members of the Royal Family : Lord, may they remember that they serve the King of heaven. Keep our beloved relatives in safety, give them pardoning and renewing grace. Blessed Spirit, guide our rulers in the ways of peace and holiness, direct their consultations to Thy glory ; save our country from infidelity and Popery. Dear Lord, abide with us this day, let us feel Thy presence. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Another day has passed away, dear Saviour, leaving us nearer that solemn hour when we must see Thee. Have all now kneeling before Thee obeyed Thy command to follow Thee ? if there are any still undecided, oh God, impress

upon them that now is the accepted time. This may be the last opportunity of hearing Thy call: Lord, as we look around we see the ungodly more hardened, each day they pass on and reject Thy gospel; may we be warned in time, and now, while it is called to-day, make our peace with Thee, enter the still open door and be sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise as Thine own. We have sinned against Thee this day, in thought, word, and deed; Lord, Thou hast seen how we have spent it, have we lived for our God or the world? Of what avail is it, Holy Saviour, to bend the knee each day in prayer if we do not accept Thy offer of mercy, and become children of God? How mournful our inconsistency, every day with our lips we ask for salvation, and yet are content to remain unsaved. Holy Saviour, may the words, Behold I stand at the door and knock, be brought with such power to our hearts that we shall be constrained to let Thee in. Heavenly Father, pardon the sins of Thy believing people, may they remember that carelessness or idleness dishonours Thee, and makes Thine enemies triumph. Gracious Saviour, have mercy on professing Christians, convince them that they only hear Thy name, but have no part in the Redeemer's kingdom until they are born again of the Spirit. Dear Lord, we

know Thy missionary servants are dear to Thee, guard them, make them each day grow in grace, and shine as lights before the heathen, among whom they dwell. Prosper. our missions in England, may many souls be saved ; send faithful men to labour lovingly among the poor, the ignorant, and the hardened sinner. Holy Spirit, bless their undertakings. Look in love, gracious Saviour, on our soldiers and sailors, keep them from sin ; make them think of the value of their immortal souls, and remember that they are precious in Thy sight. Keep all we love from danger and sickness, above all blessings give them eternal life, make them choose Thy service without delay. Oh God, have mercy on the drunkard and Sabbath breaker. Lord, make us a holy nation. May we put away every sin which keeps us from Thee. Make us love and search Thy holy word, according to our Lord's command, and give Thine abundant blessing on it. Oh Saviour, let us experience the happiness of the people who know the joyful sound of Thy gospel. We ask it for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Arise, oh Son of Righteousness, with healing in Thy wings ; give us Thy gracious presence, while we meet at Thy mercy-seat to offer to Thee our prayers and supplications, with thanksgiving, for all Thy mercies. Oh, our God, may our prayers be from the heart ; let us not be hypocrites, saying words we do not feel, and asking of Thee blessings we do not value. Lord, hast thou not preserved us in safety through the night from unseen dangers ? Thou hast guarded us, and kept us from sickness, praised be Thy name. May we begin the day with Thee, and go from Thy presence feeling it has been good for us to seek Thee. Blessed Jesus, keep us ; make us walk as under Thy holy eye ; strengthen our love, that we may not grieve Thee by disobedience or impatience ; whatever Thy discipline may be, let it have its perfect work in us, and its fruit be holiness. Oh Saviour, may we never murmur at Thy will, however contrary it may be to our inclinations. Lord, give us perfect love, that we may have perfect trust in Thee. Pardon our many sins. How ill we serve Thee. No earthly master would be patient under such neglect ; but Thou, our heavenly King,

the mighty Jehovah, hast forgiven us times without number. Blessed Saviour, until we see Thee in glory, we shall never love Thee as we ought. May all now before Thee rejoice to see that day, when the Son of Man shall come again in power and glory. Convert those poor souls, dear Saviour, who live in the dark places of the earth, without friends and home, who never see anything but sin. Lord, we earnestly implore Thee to look on them, for the Saviour's sake. Let Thy blessing rest on Thy faithful ministers. Holy Spirit, open the word of truth to them; may they, by a consistent life, glorify God. Heavenly Father, bless every effort to convert sinners, and spread Thy kingdom of love, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost; incline the hearts of all to give heartily and abundantly for Thy cause; raise up friends for Thy missionary servants in foreign lands, so often downcast with sorrow and opposition from their enemies. Blessed Jesus, make us love our enemies and pray for those who hate us; make us tender and forgiving to all, and never turn away our face from any who are in need. Bless and protect all we love; be our God; keep each member of our household from offending Thee this day; bless our country with Thy favour.

Lord, keep our soldiers and sailors under Thy care. We ask all for the dear Saviour's sake.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Blessed Jesus, Thou knowest all things—Thou knowest that we desire to love Thee, Thou knowest, Lord, that we should faint and droop in despair, if we thought the decree had gone forth for our condemnation, that we should never see Thee through eternity, that Thy blessed face would be hidden from us for ever—blessed Jesus, we could not bear it. And yet we only half love Thee. How few, dear Lord, have come to Thee, to be marked with the Blood?—can all now before Thee say, I know that my Redeemer liveth? Oh, convince us that nothing less will do, that we must know in whom we have believed—that we must see Jesus. If every one who bends the knee to Thee throughout the world was a saved one, blessed Lord, what wondrous prayers would ascend to Thy throne; Thy Holy Spirit praying in us and by us—we cannot imagine the joy and glory of it; but now

how few commune with Thee or realize Thy presence ; Lord, we think of Thee oftener as a Judge whom we have offended than as a loving Father ready to pardon, and not willing that any should perish ; Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the things which concern our everlasting peace. Lord, forgive and put away the sins of this day, our worldliness and forgetfulness of Thee ; make us love the ways of holiness, and meditate more on Thy word, revealing to us Thy precious promises, and telling us Thy great love to sinners ; let it be a light to our path, guiding us into the way of holiness. Lead the young in the way of life eternal, may they early decide for Christ. Soothe the last hours of the aged, let them feel Thy hand leading them through the shadow of death to that land where there shall be no more pain. Each day, Lord, we pray for the hardened sinner who lives in rebellion to Thee and cares not. Oh thou mighty Jehovah, stretch forth Thine hand to save, for Thou alone art able to open the blind eyes, and melt the hard heart. Bless and guard our dear relatives and friends, make them trust in the God of Jacob, and love and serve Him. Blessed Jesus, convert Thy own beloved people the Jews ; Lord, Thou hast promised Thou wilt not keep anger against them for ever. Reveal Thyself

to them, Holy Saviour. Comfort the poor and destitute who this night have no hope. Take the charge of the orphans, dear Lord, Thou God of love ; we bless Thee, that we are permitted to pray to Thee, *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Oh God our Father, how great is the privilege that we can at all times approach Thee in prayer ; Thine ear is never heavy that it cannot hear ; Thou hast never said to us seek ye my face in vain, but hast graciously promised that whosoever cometh unto Thee believing, Thou wilt not turn away. Dear Saviour, make us lay hold on eternal life, so freely offered to us by Thy love, day by day. May we be like the seed in good ground and bring forth fruit an hundredfold to Thy glory. May we take an anxious interest in the salvation of souls, and spend time and money to extend our Redeemer's kingdom ; if we, Lord, have found the unsearchable riches of Christ, we shall be constrained to tell others that the Lord is precious, let this mark be seen in us, may we

not let a day pass without saying to some poor wanderer, Come and see Jesus. Thy name be praised, heavenly Father, for our safety during the night, that we have health and strength to-day for our duties in all our necessary employments. Lord, be with us, direct, control, and keep us in peace, because our soul is stayed on Thee. Let us not be worldly, preserve us from the fear of man : may nothing give us pain and unhappiness so much as grieving Thee, and casting dishonour on Thy name by sin. Oh Saviour, keep Thy people from inconsistency. May we ever remember that we cannot serve God and man, that Thou wilt have an undivided service ; our heart must be given to Thee ; we ask Thee, blessed Lord, to make us Thine, to make us give Thee this heart service ; we are helpless and sinful, cleanse and sanctify us ; our Redeemer has died, let it not be in vain for us. We pray for our country, may England be a holy nation, let Thy blessing be upon us ; inspire our rulers with holy desires in directing the affairs of our country ; may their aim be Thy glory. Blessed Jesus, may our Queen be thy faithful servant, and honour Thee by a holy life. Train the young in holiness, oh, our God, may they be a generation to call Thee blessed, a holy band to live for Thee, and willing

to die, if need be, for their heavenly King. Bless our soldiers and sailors, Holy Saviour, make them love Thee ; may they choose that better part which Thou hast promised shall never be taken from them in life, in death may they be Thine. Keep in safety all whom we love. . Blessed Saviour, let us meet a redeemed family before Thy throne. Bless our missionaries, give them wisdom and fervent undying love for precious souls, be near them always, preserve them from danger and disease. Dear Lord, abide with us. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

How manifold are Thy works, oh Lord ; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. What is man, that Thou art mindful of him ? so rebellious and unholy, having no love to Thee, not desiring to walk in Thy ways ; and yet, Holy Saviour, Thou crownest him with loving-kindness and tender mercies, and makest Thy sun to shine on the evil and on the good. Oh God, we come for pardon for the sins of this day. Thou hast told us the heart is deceitful above all things. Let us not be

deceived into a false security, or think little of any disobedience to Thy commands. Try us, oh God, if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. We know we have sinned, dear Lord ; earthly things for ever lead us away from Thee. We are self-willed ; and Thou hast said Thy disciples must be meek and lowly. Holy Spirit, create us anew in the Saviour's image ; fill us with joy and peace in believing Thy word, Thy promises, Thy covenant of grace, in Christ Jesus. How many duties we have left undone this day. What have we done only from love to Thee ? Hast Thou not told us that the sign of Thy servant is doing all, in word or deed, in the name of the Lord ? Dear Saviour, may we sit at Thy feet and learn of Thee with more earnestness and humility. When shall we from the heart be able to say, "Oh, how I love Thy law" ? Breathe on us, blessed Spirit, that our wills may be conformed to the will of our God. Pardon the drunkard, the infidel ; Thine almighty arm alone can break the chain which binds them so firmly to sin, and is drawing them with such swiftness to death. We beseech Thee, Saviour, intercede for them. Lord, look on the destitute this night, without home, without friends ; let Thine everlasting arms be round them, to comfort and save. Protect the aged ;

may their hope be in Thee ; give them abundant consolation and assurance. Bless and guard the little ones ; give parents grace to bring them early for Thy grace and blessing. Lord, protect all who are engaged in dangerous employments ; impress on them the solemn thought, that for them life is especially uncertain, and that they may be called suddenly to meet Thee ; make them think of the things which concern their salvation while there is time. We pray for Thine own people, the Jews. Oh King of Israel, convert and save the seed of Jacob, whom Thou lovest. Keep our beloved relatives and friends in safety. Lord, shield our home from every danger ; we put our trust in Thee, and Thou hast never failed those who trust Thee.
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Dear Lord, another week has passed away, but our actions during the week have not passed away, they are written in Thy book. Oh Saviour, grant that our names may be in that book of remembrance, where Thou hast put those who

love Thee, and who speak often one to another of Thy love and goodness; blessed Jesus, let our names be in that book of the Lord's remembrance, not in the book of judgment, from which the poor sinner is judged according to his works, no glorious robe of the Saviour's righteousness, no wedding garment for the marriage supper of the Lamb, let none whom we love be of that unhappy number. How we slumber in spite of the warnings in Thy holy Word. Holy Spirit, quicken us to believe in the reality of these punishments, make us understand that Thy service is not an outward profession to an unknown God; but that Thy believing people know Thee as their heavenly Father, and have access into the holiest sanctuary, even heaven (in prayer), by the blood of Jesus. Lord, make us diligently finish every worldly employment to-day, and so arrange our affairs that nothing may interfere with the rest and quietness of Thy holy day. Blessed Jesus, impress on our hearts, in the midst of our occupations, that Thine eye marks each one who, with loving heart and hand, prepares for Thy holy day. Have mercy on our country; save us from infidelity and Popery; look on Ireland with love and favour, give an open Bible to the people: Thou hast said, Lord, that only by searching Thy holy Word, can

we find eternal life; incline them to seek for clearer light, not from man, but from Thee, the living God. Restore Jerusalem, blessed Jesus, and bring Thy beloved people back to Thee, that they may again be according to Thy promise, a nation whom the Lord hath blessed. We pray again and evermore for our soldiers and sailors, are we not brethren, dear Saviour, make us take a more loving interest in them, and 'bless them, heavenly Father. Prepare Thy ministers, and teachers in Sabbath schools, for their solemn and important duties on Thy Sabbath day. Holy Spirit, give them wisdom, and love for the immortal souls committed to their charge to train for the Lord. Bless and preserve all we love, give them health and strength to serve Thee, make them holy and faithful. Forgive, dear Lord, anything we have asked amiss or contrary to Thy will. Blessed Saviour, sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit, and present us faultless before the throne on that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Before the Throne of Thy holiness, we come again, Lord, for pardon and a blessing. Forgive our sins this day; at the end of another week, can we say that we have grown in grace? Have we lived nearer to Thee, been more earnest in duty, more holy in our life. Blessed Saviour, Thou hast promised us supplies of grace, if we will seek for it, how seldom we come to Thy throne to ask, what wonder then that we are dead and cold, so little love, such worldliness and sin. Holy Spirit, give us ardent longing for communion with our God. Convince us that the Holy Saviour still stands at the door, oh make us let him in; open our eyes to see His exceeding graciousness and love. Fill this unsatisfied longing for happiness, with Thine own blessed presence, dear Lord. To-morrow is Thy holy day, make us put away all worldly thoughts and cares, and think of that happy time when we humbly hope, through the Saviour's merits, to be for ever with the Lord, to see Thy glory, oh King of Kings, and sing the song of the redeemed for ever in heaven. Lord, give great blessing to Thy people, fill them with Thy Spirit, that they may, by a holy example, influence the ungodly. Grant that a great multitude may be

ready to say on Thy Sabbath, I was glad when they said, let us go to the house of the Lord. We beseech Thee earnestly, dear Saviour, for the ignorant, the careless, and the young, who are still far from Thee—they call Thee, Lord, but do not know Thee, they walk in the way of death and heed it not; gracious Redeemer, call them by name, say unto them, I am Jesus, whom Thou persecutest; Lamb of God, bring them into Thy kingdom. Protect the poor, supply their need, constrain Thy people to care for them. Bless and keep the aged ones, in their helplessness may they feel that God is near, a very present help in trouble. Convert our beloved relations and friends, preserve them, this night, from danger. Have mercy on the ungodly, the hardened sinner, the drunkard; gracious Lord, unless Thou say to them, Arise and live, where shall they appear on that day when Thou comest to judge Thine enemies. Make the dying bed happy, blessed Jesus, by Thy sweet presence. May the sick and afflicted know Thee as the prayer-hearing God, keeping covenant and mercy for them who seek Thee. Bless our home, heavenly Father, may master and servants, parents and children, seek Thee earnestly, constantly, faithfully; lift upon us, Holy Saviour, the light of Thy countenance.

May our trust in Thy promises never be shaken, but in life, death, and in eternity may we be Thine, blessed Lord. We ask all for the dear Redeemer's sake, who died that we might live. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

NEW YEAR'S MORNING.

Oh God our Saviour, we come to Thee to-day to renew our vows, to say how ill we have served Thee during the past year. Dear Lord, pardon our many sins ; the year has past away, and our disobedience and neglect are written in Thy book. Blessed Jesus, what have we done for Thee ? Has our life recommended Thy service to the ungodly ? We remember days and hours wasted ; so little prayer—no zeal or earnestness to bring souls to Thee, though we see them perishing every day. How seldom we think of Thy kingdom—that glorious time when the last of Thy redeemed shall be gathered in, and we shall see Thee, holy Saviour, coming again in the clouds of heaven with power and glory. We have done nothing well the past year ; our best actions have been full of sin, and our greatest sin that we have so little love for our blessed Lord and Master. Heavenly Father, we have received blessings without number from Thee, in spite of our waywardness and forgetfulness of Thee ! How often during the year have we had Thy gracious invitations repeated to come unto the Saviour and

have life, an abundance of life, freely given—our blessed Redeemer waiting to save—and how many of us have turned a deaf ear to it. Lord, we do not deserve Thy goodness; but Thou hast said Thou lovest us, even when we are rebels; let us begin the year with Thee: make us lay hold of eternal life without delay; may we not give sleep to our eyes or rest to our hearts until the Prince of Peace comes to us, with healing in His wings: Holy Spirit, be near us; let us not slumber on, with only the name to live. Forgive our sins, dear Lord, and heal us: give an abundant outpouring of the Spirit on the nations; may they arise from the sleep of death to serve our God; have mercy on our land; as a nation called by the name of the holy Jesus, may we consider our ways. Thou hast warned us that the time is short; Lord, let us not be unprepared at Thy coming. Incline the young to consecrate themselves to Thee now, at the commencement of another year; may they consider that our life-service is due to Thee. Bless our soldiers and sailors, dear Saviour, be tender to them; Thou knowest their condition, their temptations, and dangers; may they begin the year with full purpose of heart to serve Thee more faithfully than before; may they esteem it the highest honour

to be the soldiers of the Cross. Have mercy on those who have authority over them ; preserve them from the snare of worldliness ; may they realize their responsibility, that Thou wilt require them to give an account of their stewardship. Bless our home ; may every member of it serve Thee in spirit and in truth. We ask for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

NEW YEAR'S EVENING.

Dear Lord, we ask Thee on this evening of the new year, to confirm in us those desires which we have to serve Thee ; we know not how many of us will be spared to see the end of the year upon which we have this day entered. Blessed Saviour, may we bring forth fruit an hundredfold to Thy glory ; may the solemn thought that at any moment we may be called hence, make us more holy and more earnest in those things which concern our salvation ; Holy Spirit, work in us to will and do the Lord's pleasure. Oh Lamb of God who died that we might live, leave us not comfortless : let

Thy presence go with us each day ; pardon the sins of this day ; wash, cleanse, and sanctify us ; we desired this morning to serve Thee, but we have transgressed Thy holy law in many ways. Holy Spirit, fill us with love to our blessed Redeemer ; save us from sin ; impress upon us our helplessness ; make us know that without Thee we can do nothing. If we would believe Thy precious promises, how gladly should we come to Thee, the fountain of living waters ; oh God, help our unbelief. Give Thy blessing on all who have attended Thy house of prayer ; dear Lord, convert many, give them the seeing eye and hearing ear ; may they experience that those who love Thy law have peace and joy. Bless our Queen, and every member of her family ; Heavenly Father, constrain them to spend this year with greater devotedness in Thy service ; may they, by a holy life, influence many to decide for Thee. Convert our rulers ; may they consider they are not their own, but that time, talents, and money belong to the Lord who bought them. Lord, we earnestly desire every blessing for our beloved relatives and friends ; make the unconverted decide for Christ while there is yet time ; make them consider how swiftly life passes away ; blessed Saviour, let us meet in Thy kingdom : may Thy missionary

servants look forward as each year passes away to that day when they shall see the Saviour they have loved on earth, and hear Him say, well done faithful servant. Bless our home; look on it Lord, with love. Give master and servants, parents and children, the blessed unction from above; seal each one with the Holy Spirit of promise. Abide with us, Lord, as in days of old; let us feel that we have been with Jesus; that all this world's pleasures and vanities are but as dust in the balance, that we desire eternal life, that we long to be for ever with the Lord. Oh, be our Sun and Shield; give us grace and glory, Lord God Almighty. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY MORNING.

Blessed Saviour, Thou holy Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world — the very paschal Lamb—we adore Thee, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved sinners, in laying down Thy life for the sins of the world. Holy Spirit, be with us; make us feel how precious in

the sight of our God is each immortal soul. The King of Glory died to redeem us : oh God, can we forget Gethsemane, and pass idly on as if sin was a small matter ! Dear Saviour, can we forget Thy bitter cry, "Let this cup pass from me." Oh Thou mighty Jehovah, take away these hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, that we may feel ; make us weep for our indifference and carelessness. Holy Spirit, make us understand, though but a little, the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Saviour, let us take up our cross and follow Thee whithersoever Thou dost lead ; may we lie at Thy feet, humbly desiring to obey Thee in all things, and show our love for that great love of Thine, by faithful untiring service for Thee. Lord, look down on all the assemblies of Thy people this day with great favour and love ; pardon the thoughtless, the ungodly, and the thousands who, on this solemn day, will think only of their own pleasure. To Thy believing people this day is a time of holy joy : Thou, oh King of Glory, hast bruised Satan under Thy feet. May Thy people go to meet Thee in Thy sanctuary, feeling the exceeding sinfulness of sin in Thy sight, and glorify Thee, that Thou hast burst their bonds and set them free. Lord Jesus, we bear Thy Name ; let us not dis-

grace it as a nation, lest Thou turn away Thy face from us and we perish. Let Thine arms, oh Thou mighty God of Jacob, be around our Queen, and every member of her family; prepare them for Thine eternal kingdom. We pray for Thy beloved chosen people, the tribe of Judah, whom Thou lovest; Lord, take away the veil from their hearts, and bring them in, oh Shepherd of Israel, to Thy fold. Be with all we love this day: let Thy love be shed abroad in their hearts, that they may know Thee; we have done nothing for Thee, Lord—nothing; give us grace to value this wondrous salvation more. Send Thy message of love this day to our soldiers and sailors; may loving hearts persuade them to come to Thee for pardon and peace. Comfort the poor; dear Lord, support the aged in sickness and trial; bless the little ones with grace and glory. When heart and flesh shall fail, oh Lamb of God our Sacrifice, may we still remember Thee. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING.

Oh Lord our God, we come before Thee at the end of another year, and the evening of that solemn day on which Thou, oh Holy Jesus, didst shed Thy blood for sinners. Blessed be Thy name, Lord, that there are thousands of Thy believing people still, who love this day, who have laid hold of the covenant, ordered in all things and sure, who know the Lamb's voice and follow Him; oh God, are we of that number? Since last year do we know more of Thee? Holy Spirit, leave not Thy work undone in any heart before Thee. We have read, Thy cruel mockings, how daring men reviled Thee, the Lord of glory, but we did not feel it, it seemed so long ago. Lord, make us realize that our sins crucified our blessed Saviour, let us see Him as he walked on earth, so holy, and so gracious, no angry word for repenting sinners, but invitations of mercy and love; draw near to us now, oh Son of Man, let us touch Thee and live. Oh God, pardon any who have rebelled against Thee, neglected Thee, or forgotten Thee, this day. Comfort the afflicted and the poor, lead the aged in the way of righteousness; soothe the dying with Thy presence. May all who have heard Thy word in Thy sanctuary find in it

eternal life. Oh holy anointed One, answer the many prayers offered to Thee this day for pardon and converting grace ; may Thy church militant on earth increase abundantly, and many be added daily to fight on the Lord's side. Let our home be one of the dwellings of the righteous, impress on us, Lord, that all our thoughts and actions are open to Thee, though no human eye can see, that every act is sin in Thy sight, that is not perfectly upright and truthful. Bless Thy missionary servants, prosper their work that the nation may see that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Bless our Queen ; may our rulers govern our country as men who fear the Lord ; Holy Spirit, breathe on the people, make us a holy nation ; may it be our joy to serve the Lord of heaven. Blessed Saviour, we leave all we love in Thy care and keeping, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Oh God, may we sing with heart and voice, glory to God in the highest, on earth peace : For unto us a child is born, a son is given, who is

the mighty God, the Counsellor, the Prince of Peace. We cannot understand these mysterious and wonderful promises; until Thou, oh blessed Spirit, reveal them to us, they will be to us a stumbling-block and foolishness. How can we know, Lord, that the King of Glory must live for us a life of humility on earth, and die a death of pain, unless Thou give us that faith which believeth all things, and the understanding heart, to perceive that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God stronger than men? Heavenly Father, make us see that Thou hast so loved the world that Thou hast given Thy well-beloved Son to live and die for us; the holy child, Jesus, to give peace on earth and open to us the gate of everlasting life. Can we doubt Thy love, when we see all things prepared for man's salvation, and we, poor sinners, bidden to the supper of the Lamb? Dear Saviour, let us think solemnly of the miracle, the Son of God in the likeness of sinful flesh dwelling among us. Angels in wonder sing Thy praises, and we are dumb; we cannot see the glory of it—the Almighty power of God displayed in it. Blessed Lord, how dead and lost we are. Oh, let us see that Thou hast for us an everlasting love; without Thy great love, such a wondrous plan of salvation would not have been

conceived for man : let a holy joy fill our hearts ; the Lord says this day to each sinner, peace. No unpardoned sin need keep us from our God ; may we come without delay, and fall on our knees before the throne of the Prince of Peace, and ask for pardon. Give Thy blessing on the assemblies of Thy people ; may their joy be deep and holy, as those who have passed from death to life. Teach the careless, the ignorant, the ungodly, that to-day we remember that the Lord of Glory came down to earth to pardon and save, and we rejoice and are glad. Let us meet together as redeemed families, keeping the day in memory of that blessed Saviour whom we dearly love—as the free-men of the Lord. Have mercy on all men this day ; dear Redeemer, we long for their salvation ; they know not what they do when they turn from Thee. Preserve our Queen ; may she make her calling and election sure now, in her day of grace. Bless our country ; make us love Thy holy word. Lay Thine hand on the little ones ; keep them from a world lying in wickedness. Convert our rulers. Keep our home, and all we love, near Thee this day, our blessed Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

CHRISTMAS EVENING.

Heavenly Father, eternity will not be too long to sing Thy praises, when earth's vanities have passed away, and Thy redeemed ones before the throne sing Salvation to our God and the Lamb; grant, blessed Jesus, that we may be among that happy number, and then praise Thee as we ought, from the heart, and without sin; but now Lord, how do we pray? Do we weep and entreat Thee until Thou say, Arise, go in peace; in days of old, dear Lord, when the sick besought Thee to heal, how earnest the prayer; but we so helpless and so needy care not for our souls; we come into Thy presence, and depart without an answer to our prayer, unheeding and careless. Holy Spirit, make us long to be at peace with God, to know that our calling and election is sure. We bless Thee, Lord, for Thy house of prayer; we have heard of Thee to-day, of Thy precious promises fulfilled in sending to us Thy Holy Child, Jesus, that we may be saved from Thy wrath and condemnation; Lord, make us meditate on these solemn realities, and leave us not until we know Thee as our Lord and Saviour. How highly favoured is our land, Thy house of prayer open to all who will enter in and seek

Thee. Thy holy word, read, and preached ; oh Saviour, give Thy Ministers more grace, and the people willing hearts to hear and believe. May all at the close of this day offer to Thee, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the adoration of thankful hearts that we have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast promised since the foundation of the world. May each one before Thee take this precious Saviour as their everlasting portion. Bless all the assemblies of Thy people this day ; fulfil thy promise, gracious Lord, that Thy word shall not return to Thee void. Pardon the unbeliever, the scoffer, the profane, who say we desire not a knowledge of Thy ways ; blessed Jesus, nothing is impossible with Thee ; even these hardened ones Thou canst save. Have mercy on our beloved relatives and friends ; Holy Spirit, give them light and life. Convert the servants, enlighten the masters that they may follow the Lamb, and walk daily in the way of holiness ; teach the young, blessed Saviour ; make many decide for Thee, this day : let thy presence cheer Thy missionary servants, may the heathen rejoice in Thy salvation. Forgive and wash away, dear Lord, the sins we have committed this day ; we know we have grieved Thee, our hearts are so sinful, and so worldly ;

impress Thy image on our hearts. Holy Saviour, put Thy mark on our forehead; lead us to that city which hath habitations, whose builder and Maker is God. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

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